## #4720 PEEK FAMILY PAPERS

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Balk July 13 1847 Home & Chilahood I & Buk Twas on an autumns eve at closing day The sun had just reclined beneath the west All nature seemed to enjoy the quiet rest. 88 That lingered on Aurora's calm decay The sun was hid but his rays he throw In limpid streams upon the varying sky. With such bright pageantry that well might one With the arche rainbour's septenary hue 1 to 1 3.00 . 11 2.5 The little warblers of the quiet grove Twitched their sleek wings and chiped themselves to sleep The temorous have did in her covert creep And fluttered to her nest the weary dove Tis now sweet Twilights melancholy hour No sound is heard save as the whippoinill Kings his shrill notes upon the aistant hill Frightning fond lovers by his facts ding power This is the hour Flore. Hove it well shed when dusky Juilight flings her hallowed I hen in the lapse of Nature, parting day Flings only back one fond and linguing ray in a series of the series of the series of · To produce for Arme The word, wise in force

When peeping neath you arme clouded fold The crining star with rapture I behold Lay does there live on Earth such mighty hand bould wield a pen my feelings to command? When left alone near some ambrosial grove As Tenus throws her rays, in beams of love Thom you bright star that hovers o'er the west. When freed from yoke to take their evening rest The lagy herd recline beneath the shade Of you huge oak, in numerous circles laid This is the hour congenial to my mind. While dying "zephys sigh softly on the wind The busy world of insects now are hushed And mow and then a radiant moon beam blushed And then dark shadows would fly across the vale Chased only by each exectred mombean pale When even to an Month the silent pause Cach wave broke noiseless on the rock rima shores Then owlets flap? their ghostly wings to night. Nor avleful screames as on they tack their flight All nature seems to languish into death As dusky night & puffd round her gloomy breath dis melancholy yet I love to roam Near some lone shot to think upon my home And can I think upon a fonder theme! Dia ever get through memnys clouds e'er gleam

A thought that strikes the soul with more delight Than thoughts of home ! O meming lend now thy might Waft me once more repor my native land In memory now or Wampton's soil I stand! I have as the circling sound borne on the wind The thoughts of other days rush on my mind I tread the glittering halls of Janay's spell And on the thoughts, of Home to chilahood, dwell

There are some thoughts that sticke the tender strings of hardened hearts. The plaintive voice of sings Within their ears. Off do they try to efface. The tell tale tear that moists their sugged face I've seen them off will down their stubbourn check And off they're made the effort not to weep

Even the felow. though seared his soul: how off That tender pany, breather on his heart so soft. That he resolves to change his black stained life And was no more gainst Nature's struggling strift

It is when silent and alone. His mind Waked by the murminings of the sighing wind Recrus back to the thoughts of childhoods years When ne'er upon his eyes remoises tears Dim a the bight vision of his happy youth But trod the paths of innocence and truth

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That is the thought that thunders at his soul He looks whom his life so dask and foul It is the whis perings of his early home Which with such power to his heart has come yes when he muses on a parents love. The quardian precepts tangelt from Heaven above Juill strike his rocky soul. like Heavens stroke I hen hurling lightnings on the towering oak The aim eyed tenant of the aungeons gloom Feels something heavier than his lawful doom When all around his damp grin visaged wall Dull beams from his small grated windows fall His lonely taper scarce able to reveal Enough of light to show his scanty meal Thinkest thou his aurageon walls so damp toold Are all that weight upon his troubled soul? No alas thinking once he was a boy His path was othered with flowers of hopeful joy He once was happy innocent and now Remorses rankling weath entires his how He thinks of home, his once gay happy home And sighed that he did her from it roam The keenest thought that draws his bitter tears Is the fond thought of Home, and chilahoods years To off I think. But thank kind providence I cherish still my boyish innocence Would that she could influence For To favor me. Ah! soon for Stome And never would I say (which The word, which now I'm forced

Minimity of Virginias Dear Sir In reply to your letter of the 3 mild have to say that there will be no difficulty in your being reinstaled in your former position as state student, should you return to The University when the lectures are resumed -I Think a distriction on Serior Mathematics would be considered as equivalent to two distinctions on The punior formse, in reference to the defree of AB. It seems to wever that you have taken but one distriction (at the intermediate examination) on Junior Greek. The machinents, require a distruction at the intermediate and final examination -This difficulty might be removed by your renting the Greek class in taking a distinction at the final manimation They seprion -The health of the University & receiving now appears to be good, and we have every reason To hope that when the lecture, are resumed There will be no return of the sikeness while privated up to The Time of the Suspension my respectfully S. Marpin Mr Month Pecker 3

1 pg ins ( William Hope Peek ) University of Virginia April 10, 1858 Dear Sir In reply to your letter of the 3rd which I have to say that there will be no difficuilty in your being reinstated in your former position as state student should you return to the Univrtsity when the lectures are resumed. I think a distinctions on Senior Mathematics would be condisered as equivalent to two distinctions on the junior course in reference to the degree of AB. It seems however that you have taken but one distinction ( at the intermediate examination ) on Junior Greek. The enactments require a distinction at the intermediate and final examation. This difficulity might be removed by your reentering the Greek Club and taking a distinction at the final examations this secession. The health of the University & vacinity now appears to be good and we have every reason to hope that when the lectures are resumed there will be no return of the sickness which prevailed up to the time of the suspension. Very respectfully S. Maufin Mr. Wm H Peek

H. April zno/859 My dear Wellie I received your letter to gether with the skeleh of The speech to day and proceed to answer more datly I was very much pleased at it; but think that that made of heating the subject rather too deep as I have never studied The Phylorophy of the and of Phylorophy. Some parts I can make suit my proposes very nell. This is The manue in which I propose to heat the Integer, a hue Man". First an introduction after the manner of the very admin rabe one you have sent, proceed to the american C. and them I much to tele what a "line man" is. What Kind of a character must be necessary to make a . M. I wish to speak something about character in my introduction. What constitutes Character? YE Men I wile bring up those very essential gnaldies which you have give me stragment, trevion Shory will to I shall in This way endeavor to make a systematic address some thing after the manner of my last speech before the Society & Inblic Ons Dulies as Citizens! Which Cousin lames saw, The other day at our dinner table was The only speech written at our last commencement, strickly speaking, Tou have aided me a good deal in your lette in accompany te. Though I have not arranged it fully yet I have made up my nind how to hear it (as above) but The hearts of The different parts

any qualities essential to a true man wile be received with knowers and thankfulners -I have to get now some at teast, any prince of poetry or any thing you may see Which parlains to my subject and which I can trung in under any of The heads of The qualities to make a Trul Man I would thank you for I am under many obligations Thus far. I will lay asede the subject now and take up my pen in rather a more pleasent way to you I reallow,

I told charley to uncer his next letter to is sick at present. not long omce he was very much distribed as to his bowers which laster him over a neck and redulted in the loss of much flesh He had however, recovered from that and minght before last, or the right before that, he were all playing out in the street about 11 O'clack. It was a very strange game me mere playing too, morking Cats" and Charley would do it with so much resemblence of the cat itself that all would longer unworderally at him. He had aneceed in fooling a number of the neighbors, all thinking that they mere cats fighting and survey some me to drive Men off, Well, we sent Charley and Roc acrost The street before me Tomptim's door to fore me Stores on the oposite side, but to make it seem more like Cats fighting, Charley proposed that The throw a buch over and let it built on the

pavement thus ocacing the cets off. I or hie must have the pleasure of throwing that buck any how, although, I, fearing to let him as it, wished to throw it myself; but no he fired alway and The result was that The brief ment over the boy's heads night in to Mª Tompkins' front dook causing a great nouse bersons and spangling in the process. Of course every body ran off as hard as they could Charley of the run a crost the sheet of full lill Charley a head, It being a dark night they could not J'anneis Grove 4.0. Southampton Osta. Charley, though, see very well and before he new it Charley muched at full speed against on orning post which hunled him back upon the ground cutting his head and lip very bady he was picked up by to aniel who and not un. He at no line lost his sences and after bathing it in cold water he felt a good deal beller The shock was as great that he became wich at his stomach; but air not vomit, the got up the next morning and ment to Unele lesse who drest it for him. He is a alking about on the his head lite up; but it is a good deal beller and in one or two days more perhaps, he will go with not his bandage - Little Desse had also been buck (not at all serious) for the last 3 or fy days. With Thre exceptions we are all very well. Excesse my writing to day as I am in a henry toid you fool your senolars on the 18 of april by not keeping school!

more than the rest to make your time puss pleasenty if the has ever heard of me; send my respects to Warwich. They are zony to have a grand concert over The Ballege on the 17th of April, Have you received an modelion mip tuna sent me one for which I am much in obliged te - Farences zous aff. The migazines are give and a weekey Have you heard any thing certain about Bro Thomas and his mend Wife slately? he nile not tell no any thing about her He says that me braslow will come home with him

He says that me fraggled to know what I shale do next year. If bro Thomas manus a rich mife and wants to carry me back with him I shall want to go —

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Annersity of Va. Jany: 20 ta/86/-Dear Brother, from you last week-Saturday I believe. I feel that you are amid menies and although I cannot apprehend any immediate have no good feeling for you or your Dection; mes yourself so freely as amongst us -But soon (I am affrais before the 4th of March) you will be compelled to leave for home, or Submit to humiliation incompatible with voior. To day we get a despatch Stating that to Sumpler has Threatened the redoubt at harleston and will fire whom them if their operations are not suspended. The Lov. had demanded the surrender of the fort. I also see that the people in Hamplon t Norfolk are very much Excited and are clamorous for lating Old Points. On Hednesday night ( For In Floys addressed a very laight andience in the cour halo.

It was a great heat to hear the old man talk. Offer telling us the incident that caused him to withdraw and the whole history of the Catinet & administration lince the present troubled state of the Country he told the people that coercion was already upon them, and "He dallies is a dastard, and he who doubts shall be

He told us how Ein: Scott came to be cent for. Golf had resigned and left him alone to Content for justice, Equity and right. He was opposed to sending any troops South whatever-Would not remporce Moultrie Cass resigned. Herwas a noble and a great Old Man, who reflectes the lentiments of his people. The has promised South Carolina that Moultrie Should be reinforced: they had promised him that it Thould not be stormed while things were Status Que and the Chonght that Mr. / Inchance had promised Them the Same het wouldn't SWear to it. The President Came to him and said: "Mr. Hoyd how about Charles in hartor? Inst es Neinforce anderson? No I am not going to remforce Underson; and I thought that was Dettles whom". Then, will you send for Gen: Acott! Les, Ile send for gen: Scott. He thought of lew: look as Virginia's Son with her awards of honor branging whom his person. a son of howhom she might well be proud. The news of many battle pelos with the smell of the fire upon his doller. He did not link of him as a military Chieflen of oron will accustomed to despotism and Mranny. However, he felt rather dubing He sends also for Jeff: Davis & Mr. Strunder. Esen Scott Came: he pulled out a papera paper !- He was a Military man; and had a plan for Choaking The South into meseuls: for preging whom her very vitals to Maning Every fort, for stationing a fleet along her coast to collect the verence and called it not Coercion. He was to order troops to the forts of musuppi de and to occupy old Hoint with 2500. When they came to old Pointthat fortrees Monroe so much needed when an menny was amongst us in 1812. he asked: What for?" That question was not answered "What for!" and it never would be

be answored in any other way than to course his dear for the protection of his proud all commonwealth Should be turned against her Should vomit whom her bosom death & destruction. He could not stand it. He thought scots was a birginian. He asked if he would fight against her if she secreted Scot laid he had not commetted him celf. He tald him that his bones should bleach whom the dunghill he fore het do it. De would not entmit to st. Mr. Davis & Ben: Scott like to had a fight. It was settled that trooks Showed not be sent South as the most expedient way for peace to The news came that anderson had broken the Status Que He demanded according to pledges faith that he chould be with drawn suticely from The horbor - It was refused. He resigned, and There he was - and you never heard ench yelling & hooping, Chapping & e in you like He cays The northern papers Call these Records it the abinst" or "cabinet Secrets" & e - - were not. He didn't notice them though de -Excuse me for attempting to give come lings that hr. Hongs said, for he shoke over 22 hours and was repeatedy applanded. Thinks that we must sicide. 2 letters from Hampton report no news. I am sorry his hands (neverus thee) I recken - Them aff: ho: George Inteck

(George Meridyth Peek)

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University of Va. Jan'y 20th 1861

Dear Brother,

I was glad to get a letter from you last week - Saturday I believe.

I feel that you are amid enemies and although I cannot apprehend any immediate harm to you, never the less I know that they have no good feeling for you or your section; and no doubt you cant feel at liberty to express yourself so freely as amoungst us -

But soon (I am affraid before the 4th of March) you will be compelled to leave for home; or submit to humilitation in compatible with honor. To day we got a dispatch stating that Ft. Sumpter has threatened the redoubt at Charleston and will fire upon them if their operations are not suspended.

The Gov. has demanded the surrender of the fort. I also see that the people of Hampton & Norfolk are very much excited and are clamorous for taking Old Point.

On Wednesday night (ex) Gov. T.B. Floyd addressed a very large audience in the town hall. It was a great treat to hear the old man talk. After telling us the incident that caused him to withdraw and the whole history of the Cabinet & Administration since the present troubled state of the country he told the people that coercion was already upon them. And "He who dallies is a dastare and he who doubts shall be D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_".

He told us Hon Gen Scott came to be sent for. Cass has resigned and left him alone to content for justice, equity, and right. He was apposed to sending any troops south what ever - Would not reinforce Moultrie. Cass resigned he (Cass) was a noble and great Old Man who reflects the semtiments of his people. He has promised South Carolina that Moultrie should not be reinforced. They have promised him that it should not be stormed while things were status quo, and the thoughts that Mr. Buchanan had promised them the same but wouldnt <a href="https://www.seen.com/seen

The President came to him and said "Mr Floyd how about Charleston Harbor? Inst so about Charleston Mr President am't you going to reinforce Anderson? No I am not going to reinforce Anderson, an I thought that was settled upon. "Then will you send for Gen Scott? Yes, I'll send for Gen Scott." He thought of Gen Scott as <u>Virginia's</u> son with her award of honor banging upon his person. A son of whom she migth be proud. The victor of many battlefields with the smell of fire upon his cloths. He did not think of him as a military chieften of iron will accustomed to despotism and tyranny. However, he felt rather dubious: He sends also for Jeff Davis & Mr. Hunter. Gen Scott came, he pulled out a paper - a paper! He was a military man, and had a plan for choaking the south into measures for praying upon her very vitals. For maning every fort, for stationing a fleet along her coast to collect a revenue and called it not coercion. He was to order troops to the forts of Missippi ec and to occupy Old Point with 2500. When they came to Old Point that fortress Monroe so much needed when an enemy was amongst us in 1812 -

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He ask "what for?" that question was not answered "what for?" and it mever would be answered in any other way than to cerge his dear old state. That the guns of Fort Monroe placed there for their protection of his proud Old Commonwealth should be turned against her, should vomit upon her bosom death & destruction. He couldn't stand it. He thought Scott was a Virginian He ask if he would fight against her if she seceded. Scott said he had not committed himself. He told him that his bones should bleach upon the dunghill before he do it. He would not submit to it. Mr Davis & Gen Scott like to had a fight. It was settled that troops should not be sent south as the most expediend way for peace. The news came that Anderson had broken the status quo. He demanded according to pledges faith that he should be withdrawn entirely from the harbor. It was refused. He resigned and there he was - and you never heard such yelling & hooping, clapping ec in your life. He says northern papers call these "secerts of the cabinet" or "cabinet secerts" &e. - were not - he didnt notice them though &e -

Excuse me for attempting to give some things that Mr Floyd said for he spoke over 2 1/2 hours and was repeately applauded. Thinks that we must secede 2 letters from Hampton report no news. I am sorry bro Thomas has not done so well. I am sure he has failed in some of his expectations. The public printing has gone out of his hands (never was there) I reckon.

Your aff Bro:

George M Peek

Theh Point, Sunday after now Any, 25" Dear Willie. The long and much sisined 14th of August, has come and hast, and where am I, still at Ship Point, no better off than before, oh, when will the time come for me to be released from this state of bondage. To be five under the command of such men as cafet I mith & Ck, mallong. It appears to me now, it never will, however sincerely hoho it is not far distant. The 1st Regist no Chobunteus are down here now, and a hard set they too, Under the command of It col Leo, They say an attack at the point was contimplated in York lown John They received or ders to march They came down double quick, arrived about 12 o'clock at night. every thing was so very quiet they har aly Itness' what to make of it. I don't know where such an idea originated, but the Officers must have he and something The next day afrer their arrival, Two detabeh ments of Howitzers came down with the

Jame report, they are herey now, amoungst Them is The miller who went to school to mo Cany The son of Miller of the firm of Sel den Miller Richmond, Father Camilo see me to day, he says Things remain very guick in his neighbourhood, no Yanhees been about There for several evecks. I agree with you exally, about The way the Government affairs are conductes. With the exception of the se cession or dinance there is not a particle of difference between the own new you semments II was Politics before and it is polices now, It does not make any difference about a mans gualifications at all. It may be she biggest fool that ever lived, if he is a good democrat, that is all that is necessary, I am perfectly disgusted with all such proceedings. Charlie went to see hip mollie more -land to day, she does not live more Than Two or Three miles from This place, no doubt he will have a good, Time, as you are awain she is a pretty fast girl, and show are generally the Kind to see good rimes with. I am get - Ting quite rised of ship Point. I hope we

will be sent somewhere else before long. We are now all at ched to Col Civell's Regnt I hope he will or der us to Mompany before winter, as that will be a much more pleasat place for The winter Than This If I should be fortune ate enough to get a furlough for eight or ten days I iville come to blickmond to see you all I fear however, The chances are very slim, as I am not one of his favourites, some of the men can get furlough almost any sime, athers can't get them at all, I had from to be with the latter class. The was a magnificent dinner to day, baker ducks, & chicken com ham for the first course, 200 course appear pies of mick, wort you think that will do very well for compo life, the wivow is having a nice time, no doubt with her beau, exercising this thorses se I expect every day to hear of her marriage, wish her a good Time. Icel her she must not for get her friends when that little affair comes off. The no Olegiment has a dres parade this evening col halloy was on The field, but only as a spectator, write again soon and oblige, your rue friend, DS, mahow.

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Ship Point Sunday Afternoon Aug 25th

Dear Willie,

The long and much disired 14th of August has come and past, and where am I, still at Ship Point, no better off than before, oh when will the time come for me to be released from this state of bondage. to be from under the Command of such men as Capt Smith and C.K. Mallory. It appears to me now it never will, however I sincerely hope it is not far distant. The 1st Regt N.C. Volunteers are down here now, and a hard set they are too. Under the Command of Lt. Col Lee, They say an attack at the Point was contemplated in Yorktown when they received orders to march. They came down double quick arrived about 12 o'clock at night everything was so very quiet they hardly knew what to make of it. I dont know where such an idea originated but the officers must have heard something, the next day after their arrival, two detachments of Howitzers came down with the same report they are here now, amoungst them is Thos. Miller who went to school to Ms Cary, the son of Miller of the firm of Selden & Miller Richmond. Father came to see me to day, he says things remain very quiet in his neighbourhood, no Yankees been about there for several weeks. I agree with you exactly, about the way the Government affairs are conducted. With the exception of the secession ordance there is not a particle of difference between the old & new Government. It was Politics before and it is Politics now. It does not make any difference abouts mans qualifications at all. It may be the biggest fool that ever lived if he is a good demorcrate, that is all that is necessary. I am perfectly disguisted with all such proceedings. Charlie went to see Miss Mollie Moreland to day. She does not live more than two or three miles from this place, no doubt he will have a good time, as you are awair she is a pretty fast girl and those are generally the kind to see good times with. I am getting quite tired of Ship Point. I hope we will be sent somewhere else before long. We are now attached to Col Ewells Regmt. I hope he will order us to WmBurg before winter, as that will be much more plesant place for the winter than this. If I should be fortunate enough to get a furlough for eight or ten days I will come to Richmond to see you all. I fear however, the chances are very slim, as I am not one of the favorites, some of the men can get furlough almost anytime, others cant get them at all, I happen to be with the latter class, We had a magnificent dinner to day, baked ducks & chickens, corn & ham for first course 2nd course apple pies, milk, dont you think that will do very well for camp life. The widow is having a nice time, no doubt with her beau, exercising his horses & ec. I expect every day to hear of her marriage, wish her a good time. Tell her she must not forget her friends when that little affair comes off. The N.C. Regiment has a dress parade this evening. Col Mallory was on the field, but only as a spectator, write again soon, and oblige your true friends.

Memphis Sunday afternoon Zoelle I arrived here safely and in first sate spirits about an hour ago. Mr Knowllin towhom I had a letter of interduction - and who was & procure ene a hasebut & Jo to Little Rock is out of town - test nothing dansted I went to the office and my han from the Lear from at Richmond was Rufficient to that I shall proceed tourner morning on my journey to Litt. for his disagreeable than I have autechalist. and I only hohm the water to Il may a squally bleen and - Larite this in a

hung and according & promine much to let you know that all is well with me so far - when I get to mer journey's seed & will circle a longer letter - done to Afficer - W.St. Peil Mu J. herele.

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( William Hope Peek )
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Memphis Sunday Afternoon 2 o'clock

Dear Ma,

I arrived here safely and first rate spirits — about an hour ago — Mr. Knowltere to whom I had a letter introduction — and who was to procure me a passport to go to Little Rock is out of town — but nothing daunted I went to the office and my pass from the Secy. office at Richmond was sufficent so that I shall proceed tomorrow morning on my journey to L.R. unmolested.

The trip here has been far less disagreeable than I had anticipated — and I only hope the route to L.R. may be equally plesant — I write — this in a hurry and according to promise merely to let you know that all is well with me so far — when I get to my journey's end I will write a longer letter — Love to all —  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Affectionaly W.H. Peek

Mrs. I. M Peek Richmond

I hank you my diar Jissy you your letter of the 7 of this month which you may to sure was truly acc - uptable, I answered your letter of em Wills = amotury lang since, and am song that you Did not git it. Im are a smeet good gish to minte ajain, and I istimate the gentle lundres which induced you to do so. Jes is always the smeet creature that you are now hind he aren one, especially to those when you deem wor they of your by and. I'm till me that your me is foliard with Zichmand I am plianed to hear Thes, One So good and kind as the " can never want a zag of San Shine to illuminate ha path of life, The Does not line how me . In I love her and feel the lop of her so cicly, I hope I shall see again at forces out, we have not come to any construction as to the future of me could go to Parts mouth by the middle or last of Botoher

We should have the advantage of lung with my James, tak as get I so not know. We have paped Through I hard trice Fran tille Jane Barren, has From at the point of death alora dy reduced by the Aropany engh, The had stracely the strings remaining to take her Through I violent at ack of Summer complaint, Annes of : titude admist lift her, as the might, and was . Shed night and Day to the side of our Smel Tufferer, danic mode for James he come and proved a tender hurse, to Janie. and A combilir to annie Thank brown the tell lass is almost nece. The remembers Aunt. I and and the strawborrer, and talks of Asome and home Things, Time malling is Who A title Fal find Bright and once dry protty, Bur Laura, nice like any place so The can to with me Lak to mean him, Tore my love to Jour dear mamme & Pa and to all our dear ones. wherever this aic. Please till me attil all our din family how one scattored My may be.

Two Side. and thus my first day. Up. for A much. So Help I'm de an Sions pay Jim Dan A Hope

Warrent on lugart 29.1861

Annie Son & the hindred regards to Son mamme Jell and the Gamily In which I more than join her, James send I took it save can find A just here August 23.

We heard from James to Day, had I fele sand tetter grown him, he sind his ton to are his draw from not your Brothers not your, and has Willie a situation? I hope he has tele me of De Hope of Jamil 4. and all

( Marie S. Peek - Sis ) # 1

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Thank you my diar Sissy for your letter of the 7 of this month which you may be sure was truly acceptable, I answered your letter from Willamsburg long since, and am sorry that you did not get it. You are a smart good girl to write again, and I istimate the gentle kindness which induced you to do so. Siss is always the sweet creature that you are now kind to every one. especially to those whom you deem worthy of your regards. You tell me that your Ma is pleased with Richmond. I am pleased to hear this. "One so good and kind as She," can never want a ray of Sun Shine to illuminate her path of life, The does not know how much I Love her and feel the top of her socially, I hope I shall see again. At present, we have not come to any conclusions as to her future. If we could go to Portsmouth by the middle on last of October. We should have the advantage of being with my James, but as yet I do not know. We have papers through a hard trial dear Little Jane Barren, has been at the point of death all ready reduced by the Hooping cough, The had scarcely the strength remaining to take her through a violent atack of summer complaint, Annies fortitude almost lift her, as she ??? , and watches nigh and day by the side of our sweet Tafferson

Annie write for James, he came and proved a tender nurse to Janie. And a companion to Annie. Thank heaven the little lady is almost well. The remember Aunt Janet and the strawberries, and talks of home and home things, Annie Mallory is like a little Fat bird. Bright and exceeding pretty, Our Laura, nice likes any place so she can be with Mr. Peek or near him, Give my love to Your dear Mamme & Pa and to all our dear ones. whoever they are. Please tell me about all our dear family however scattered they may be. I must now hasten to conclude having been sick. And thus my first day up for a week. God help you diar Sissy Your Aunt - Jane A Hope

Warrenton. August. 29 . 1861

Annie sends the kindest regards to your Mamma. Self and the family In which I more than join her, James sends a book if you can find it just here August 29.

We heard from James today, had a pleasant letter from him, he sends his love to all his dear friends. Are your Brothers with you, and has Willie a situation? I hope he has. Tell me of Dr. Hope & family and all. J.A. H.

Little Rock, Sepr. 13 1861.

Dear Georgie.

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I suppose I have seen nearly all your female acquaintances in L.R. but no one of the males for they are all off in the wars. I think that if those I have yet seen if I were compled to select a wife, she should be Miss Emma Tucker. My acquaintance however is not a very extensive one compairing only 3 young ladies - viz Miss Rector (P.D.) Miss Blanch Scott and Miss Emma Tucker. You can pretty well describe those young ladies - and answer all interrogatories concerning them.

Miss Tucker I fancy would make a real loving obident wife - while Miss P. D. would be rather spirited and independent - and too apt to rebel and allow her inclinations and to desire to break down the barriers which her husband would desire to keep up by measure of love.

I know she would never begin to suit me. It might perhaps be considered a very great honor and all that to marry the Governors daughter but with my present taste, and with all my admirations fo the young lady too - I would rather decline. There are some other ladies whom I intended visiting soon among them Misses Numick and Misses Woodruff - the former I fiar I will not admire much tho' rather I am almost certian will contend with Miss Tucker my present favorite. They say that Mr. Gaines is courting Miss Fannie Woodruff and that he did court Sister Laura - so brother Thos. says it would be too crule for me to try to cut him out there as he has already had his hopes blasted by one of the family. The Misses Faulkner who claims kin with Bro. Thos. & with whom you probably became pretty well acquainted I will not see as their father is the one whom the Johnson's selected to take the arsenal. and he is of course a Johnson man. The politics of the state here have been very much changed by the secession question - and you would be suprised to here how some men now stand. Mr. Jordan - a brother in Law to the Johnson's a Line Democrate. has subscribed 500\$ to Bro Thos! news paper!! He says he will have people understand he don't belong' to the family. It is very likely also that Mr. Mitchell another old Johnsonian will be supported by the Governor's party for the C. S. Senate and certainly none of the delegation now in Congress will get any countenance from it - and every nerve will be strained to defeat "the big brother Bob".

Things are really so very quiet out here we can hardly realize there is a great war going on. Notwith standing too that we have no less than 8 yankees prisoners here at the Arsenal. They sure very quiet in offensive persons -Bro Thos. allows them some privileges on parole - and because he finds it difficult to get soldiers to guard them.

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Represent me to all at home as being in good spirits. Give my love to all enquiring friends — and send us a letter occasionally. Please pay subscription on the Examiner for 6 months and have it sent to me —

Yours ec W. H. P.

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Dear Sis

Arsenal Little Rock September 16 1861

I received the letter which you wrote by Mr. Rapley and the coat too. I suppose you all have since discovered that if I did leave my own coat behind I did not come away coatless for I have somebodys and have been wearing it ever since Iv'e been here whenever I had occasion to wear a blk coat. I missed my gloves out of the pockets but thought I had mislaid them at home never once dreaming I had left the coat as well as gloves behind. I suppose the coat I have belongs to Charlie - and how he will ever get it again I can't well see. However it wont shod - and until he does get it I shall make the most of my mistake.

Last wednesday we all invited our selves to dine with Gov'r Rictor and had a very agreeable time - Bro Thos. makes himself just as much at home there as our old home in Hampton and seems to be very well liked by all the family - You know Sister Laura & Gov'r Rector's children are first cousins and besides they are intimate and very fond of each other. I touched the champagne rather lightly at the table.

A day or two after Gov R went to Des Arc after his wife and baby and we moved round to his house to keep Miss Peeda & her married sister company while he was gone. There we had a most delightful time. Miss P. D is very cheerful & lively and of course as there were no old folks we soon got very well acquainted. At eight we had some cake & cordial with which to celebrate the marriage of myself & Miss P. D the ceremony being performed by Bro Thos. So you see we must have spent the time in a very nice way. We remained there 2 or 3 days & nights and would have returned to the arsenal, but a white servent girl here has the measles and for fear Johnny might catch it we all we all went out to Mrs. Rapleys we we where we are now staying.

Govenor Rector has 7 children of his first wife's and not long ago married a young lady about the age perhaps of his oldest daughter and she has presented him with another, so you see when his estate comes to be settled up among all the ligatures there will be but a small portion to each one's share. However after all the law suits are decided, and if they are decided in his favor his property will be very valuable indeed - worth something near \$10,000 per year. It is usless for me to figure up for Miss P.D is already engaged to a yound Virginian Capt. in the army. She however confesses great fickleness and may anyday discard him & then there will be a chance for your humble servant of which I shall endeaver not to avail myself. She is not of the proper disposition to suit me and I am afraid a good wife will be very hard to find in Little Rock. That is about the only reason why I dislike living here ( barring of course the seperation from home folks ) - viz - that if I marry I shall not be able to get some nice intellegent, good looking domistic Virginia lady with a few dardies and some ready cash. Miss R is very willful has I think a high temper - and would very poorly submit to the inconveniences of a poor husband. Her sister however who is married did not get a rich one and I think if the assistance the Gov' gives them were withdrawn they would soon feel the pinching of poverty. Decidedly the best one I have met with in the vast

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number 1 (3) Thave become acquainted with is Miss Emma Tucker whose father is a merchant & a Virginian one of the most highly respected men in the place & a friend to Gov. Rector. He spoke to me very highly of brother Thos. and his acquaintance with him. It has been here that there is very little inclination to go about much and therefore I am still very little acquainted with the ladies of L.R. but I intend soon to become acquainted with them all except the intimate members of the Johnson circle - whom I shall give a wide birth. By the way, Dr. Gordon a brother in law after Johnson's is dead. He was exceedingly wealthy and up to a very short time since entered into all their schemes and furnished no little of the money where with they effected their hold upon power. He had just resolved to declare a sort of war against them and had subscribed 500\$ to Bro Thos. paper, which of course will never be forth comming - and now the Johnsons have more complete control of his wealth than ever before.

Those 3 regiments which Arkansas is to furnish are comming together very slowly indeed — and unless something is done to stimulate recruiting it is doubtful if they are ever raised. Then I shall not be so sure of an appointment but I will have all the recommendation the Governor & Military Board can give. I shall not care much however if I dont suceed and Bro. Thos. says I ought not to be so anxious to go to the war. He thinks I ought to stick out my shingle at once — and proposes I shall get the consent of Dr. Webb the oldest & largest practitioner in town to go in his office & offer my services to the community. He does not mean that I shall be a student or assistant to Dr. W. but merely have an office with him. The place, as far as I have seen is very sickly indeed — and the fees are just double what they were in Hampton. 2\$ for a simple vist in town — and for a short a distance as Mrs Rapley's about as far as Bethel is not quite so far from town — the fee is 4\$ in the day time and double at night I suppose.

Bro Thos thinks there will be no necissity for my having a horse - that if I should be called into the country I can hire one and that would be cheaper than keeping one - even if the hire was more than my fee or if I never got the fee - He thinks such an arrangement can be made with Dr. Webb and if so, there my expenses at first will be next to nothing. If I had been practicing and they had employed me there has been sickness enough since I've been here, in Mr. Rapley's & Govr. Rector's family to amount to 50 or 75\$.

I would like very much to get some books and instruments if their any there, from Richmond - but how to get them here I can't tell. From Memphis to Little Rock is far worse than from Richmond to Memphis - and takes at most as much time. Will wait about that yet awhile.

My best love to all - and a hope that you all will write to me.

Affectionately Willie

P. S. Go to Mr. Lefebore & study History Literature - Belles Letters, French & Latin & Drawing. Tell him I want you to study there & make the most of this session - but you must ask him to.

W.H.P.

See what you have been doing at Mr. Cary's & if better arrangements can be made do it. Perhaps it would be well if you could continue some branch of Mathematics - but drop that sooner than there I have mentioned.

of any more letters come for me I respectfully request you will foward them without breaking the seal. I have a right to demand this - and hope some one is left behind who has enough regard for me to carry out a simple request. —

LettleRock Art. Sept 27 1861.

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has been a perfect hospital and his Rapley - a mish excellent lædy- has had her hands full of mussing. the seems to be a very pions lady and full of good with towards every body, and withal a very good home-Kulper. but in her south from what I hear the was much more like fisher Lama than now.

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Kive my best love to rvery body- my Kindest regards to Mr Quadri family. Tell Pa not to forget we once him Inviting for board- write Love to Investigational Bro.

Sunday Sept 29. I wrote this some days ago a forgot to mail it. I received your letter of 19th to day, in cluding a very mysterious note. The writer of which I can not possibly divine the achs for her hickines and I have no young ladies likeness exhely Lippic lambols and there is no need of her corting in that way or talking about hearts never changing-causing me pain se- or own with bling her signature. I wish the writer knew I had received it as the seems to manifelt some are ich; about the reception of it.

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Little Rock Ark. Sept 27 1861

Dear Sis

Tho' I have written you at least a holf dozen letters and received only one in reply to all and with the execption of one from Georgie the only reply to all my letters since I have been here - yet I write once more accoring to my promise to write often.

The first thing comes to my notice is the coolness of the weather which is remarkable but you know all about that — as I imagine it is equally perhaps colder in Richmond than it is here. I feel much better sitting down by a nice fire than I would if sleeping on the cold ground with no companions except poor shivering soldiers and no covering save a thin blanket. I am writing on Sister Laura's Sewing Machine while she setting near is trying shoes on Johnny who keeps a full flow of words in his pecular languae. By the way I never saw in my who life a quieter or better child than he is and a very fine looking fellow he is too. She lays him down any where and he is as well satisfied as if in her arms.

We have finally left the arsenal and are living much nearer the centre of town — where there is some life & somebody to see. Up at the arsenal we had only one or 2 calls in a month — while down here have had 6 or 8 in 2 or 3 days. The house has 4 moons down stairs — one of which is a kitchen and two upstairs of very convenient size, and good in other respects except that the stairway comes down to her room. and the absence of a store room. The landlord is going to build another room for servents, and for all that charges 250\$ per year — which is out here is a small cent to pay for a house. I suppose in Hampton this house would have rented for about 100 or 200\$. It is about on a par with the house which stood opposite the house in which Mr. Darden last lived in Hampton. I have already spent one very agreeable day here with Mrs. P. D (Inlia) Rector and if I dont leave very soon wars expect to have many more nice times

At Present I am Surgeon pro tem to the troops at the Arsenal - a portion of a regement wh is now raising to be mustered into the Confederate Service for a year. The Surgeon has been appointed by the Colonel and during an absence of some weeks requests me to act for him. Today was my first day on duty and I prescribed for one soldier. When the regiment is to be appointed Asistant Surgeon - that officer having to be appointed by the Military Board of wh. Governor Rector is a member and the President.

I am not very anxious to enter the service now and am very well satisfied to remain here and become a candidate for practice. I shall here ever try to get the situation and go if I get it. My field of operations will be in Missouri under Genaral Benj McCullock. I shall there have to content my self I suppose with about one letter every six months from home - and consider myself fortunate if I receive as many as that.

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Very fortunately for Doctors - but not so for the people I find Little Rock to be one of the most unhealthy places for the Confederacy. Every family with which I have become acquainted has had from 2 to 6 sick members since I have been here - Mr. Rapleys house has been a perfect hospital and Mrs. Rapley - a most excellent lady - had had her hands full of nursing. She seems to be a very pious lady and full of good will towards everybody and without a very good housekeeper - but in her youth - from what I hear she was much like Sister Laura than now.

I wish you would get Pa to send me about 25 or 30\$ in spieces and if necessary I'll give Confederate notes for it. The reason why I want that is, that if I go in the army it will be where notes will be of no service whatever to me - I couldn't get anything with it. I profere it you send it to put it in a little box in some cotton to keep from making a noise.

Give my best love to everybody - my kindest regards to Mr. Quarles' family. Tell Pa not to forget we owe him something for board. Write soon to

Your affectionate Bro. W. H. Peek

Sunday Sepr 29. I wrote this some days ago & forgot to mail it. I received your letter of 19th to day, including a very mysterious note - the writer of which I can not possibly divine. She asks for her picture and I have no young ladys pictures except Lizzie Gambols and there is no need of her writing in that way or talking about hearts never changing - causing me pain ec. - or even withholding her signature. I wish the writer knew I received it as she seems to manifest some anxiety about the reception of it.

I am very sorry you did not send me Miss Anna's letter - 5 cents would have paid the extra postage - and I would have thought her kind friendship for me would have made her so popular in Ma's eyes that she would certanily have sent it. I like for people to love me. I would not spurn their affection of a day - and certinally would not reject the good will of the humblest human being - now Miss Anna loves me very much and I value her friendship more than I do many other things. I hope if you have the letter you will send it. Please to make no remarks or disclosures about the mysterious letter as it would cause the writer of it pain if she found it out. As to Sister Laura's wanting me to stay here. I can't answer Ma's question very postively - I suppose she does - I will in all probability - leave soon for the army with a regiment which is forming here.

Mr. & Mrs. Rapley dined with us today - They have a sick child - Lela - who has been having third day agne & fever for a month & a half & is very puny - more rotten than any child ever was. I am not the physician. They have already had three different Doctors - not me for one. Answer this immediately or I may be gone when your letter comes - Love to all - W.H.P.

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This morning I called on the Govenor with Bro Thos. and found him a very pleasant and plain man - talked sometime about matters & things ec. There is no chance for me in the Army until those 3 new regiments are made up when I will be recommended to the President by the Governor & Military board of Arkansas. I don't care much if I don't get it there for soon now Brother Thos. advises me to become a canidate for practice at once in Little Rock. I don't know so well about that however, but certain I don't feel much like coming back to Virginia now. I hope you will all will feel satisfied now in regard to me and that I am getting along very well indeed. Bro. Thos. will have to leave the arsenal. It is a very nice place - but best for him to leave it for here he get a big salary and nothing at all to do which would completely ruin any man in the world. His friends have subscribed several thousand dollars to start a paper for him & he will soon be at that business again. Besides he has the office of Superintendant of Penitentiary paying five hundred dollars a year which will help along considerably. Sister Laura is not well, just recovering from a spell of sickness and they say the baby has the Hooping Cough. It is a very fine & hearty looking boy - has blue eyes and is Peek all over. Mrs. Rapley was here this morning - she is exactly like Laura.

Little Rock is a very pretty place and the Drs. say rather too healthy. I was introduced to one of them this morning - quite an ordinary looking man - but gets a fine practice.

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Little Rock Saturday Morning

My Dear Sis,

You begin to think your turn has come to get a letter - and so there are a few moments left in which to mail one - I will write a few lines.

Since I have been here I have scarcely done more than vegetate - remaining at the arsenal together with out going away any where - eating drinking, sleeping & reading have consumed my time. I don't know whether to fix up and become at once a canidate for practice - or wait in this way doing nothing - and like Niecawber only waiting for something to turn up. I can see no prospect for entering the army for sometime to come perhaps several weeks. We dont feel the effects of the war excitement out here like you do in Virginia. We read of the movements of the army in Virginia like we did of the army of Mexico - Everything here is so quiet seemingly undisturbed? by the war. In Missouri where nearly all the Arkansas troops are. The cause of the Confederate suffer very much owing to dissatisfaction among the troops. The adminstration is nothing like so popular here as in Virginia. They have uncovered generals appointed by Arkansas - and put in their places men of well known incompacity - in one instance a man of New England at birth - a strong union man before the state seceeded.

Governor Rector is very much displeased with the manner in which the Confederate government is conducting matters out here - and that government has complained to him of the conduct of the Arkansas troops. When the troops were turned over to the Confederate States - they never were allowed the option of remaining in the service - or if they objected to being transferred they could go home - and a great many have done so and sure will do so. I certainly am glad & hope every man Arkansas has furnished will leave & come home - and I hope difficulties will not cease to croud thick and heavy around Mr. Secy Walker & force him to retire from the Cabinet.

There is no sort of concert of action among the different generals in Missouri - one is going off in one direction one in another each pursuing his own inclination - while energy & activity characterize the other side. You need not expect any more victories for us in Missouri for a long time to come. --

Master John L. Peek is now teething and that causes an otherwise very quiet child to be rather fritful, but even as it is he is very easy to manage. Sister Laura has been rather unwell for some time but is now getting much better — in fact is well. Tho' she manages to persuade herself she can't bear the fatigue of getting up to breakfast every morning. I have as yet been introduced to but 3 young ladies in town. Miss Rector (the Govr. daughter) is quite a willful independent outspoken young lady & rather good looking than otherwise — I think she is rather coquittish.

Miss Tucker a daughter of a merchant here - reminded me very much of Miss Emma Diggs - but nothing at all like her. She seems to be rather more of a domistic young lady than Miss R. and according to my notions would make a much better wife. Miss Blanche Scott - of whom Georgie can give you all the necessary information is the third other acquaintance I have made. She is Sister L's particular friend and confidente - but of a very different disposition I imagine.

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For some days Bro Thos. has been looking around for a house as he expects to leave the arsenal very soon — when I tell you he can't get such an one a would suit him for less than \$300 you will see rents are as high here as in Richmond.—You must excuse this short letter — I'll try to write more next time — Yours affectionately

W. H. P.

## Little Rock, Saturday Och- 19 1861

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The young lady however whose [ ] qualities & manners attract me most is Miss Annie Rayburn. I don't know much of her however yet - except that she is an orphan and worth some property. Her manners are very winning and her disposition seems to be of the very best. She is one of those sweet somebodies withe hazel eyes and brown chesnut hair - soft skin - fair complexion ec. She is the one I call my sweetheart. Sister Laura has spoken of many other ladies in different parts of the state - whom she recomments to me - but I suppose like all others I shall be compelled to wait till the war is over. I like your studies except the dictionary which is a mere farce - however so small a matter is to be beneath the trouble of a change. You'll get used to Mr Lefebure's language & pronunciation & I warrent you have plenty of acquaintances now.

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Affectionately W. H. P.

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Office of the Daily Sound" Little Rock, Ark, Och- 29 1861.

Dear Sis.

I have been waiting some time for a Letter from either you or bergie, but will now wait no longer as I suppose you all would like very much to hear from me as often as possible. You will perceive from The heading of this letter that I write in a new place- none other than Bro Thomas' office. The first number of his paper has not get appeared, but will be out day after tomorrow and every day there after except Sendays- containing the latist telegraphic dispatches received up to 8 o'clock the privious evering - Thus becoming quite a desirable thing here. You see we shall there have the news as regularly and as early as you get it in Richmond- and perhales there will be published for the first time in our tournal as much thing news as in the Richmond Dispatch. You must know that Gent Fremont is rapidly advancing toward our north west border- with Gen! Price slowly retreating before him probably to effect a junction with bent nebullock.

Perhales before this - or even while I write the battle between there

is raging and a very severe one it will be, for Fremont has the affair fathers or mothers coming in from the country with some every military advantage that art and skill can afford - The best to send, after the whole thing had blown over. One lady began on arms - most complete equipments + abundance of them - while Sunday morning o wore the bloth + made a coat for her son to opposed to him will be found scarcely anything monther stead wear- another sewed all saturday night and all day builday. arms and brave hearts. Such a condition of affairs could not sxist the exciliment developed grite a large number of men who are still So mear us without siving rice to some sensation stong, and as holding back - and I believe arkanous could furnish with all cordingly we had it Saturday & Seenday - That Fremont was lave at least 15000 more men now.

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Judges se & those in whose veins the royal blood of Scotland flows - as is the care with one going lady in tour. There is one thing certain and that is I must have a wife but not Every lader will do - I want one you senow with Some few thousands to help a fellow along - and Extenemes circle of family consideres o friends to increase onis practice. not to say anything of all the good qualities of head and heart that make ladies so altractive to the Stuner Sex. Such an one I fear will be very hard to fine in Little Rock, but I hope there may be some one in the State and that I may soon meet with her how if I leave for the campo bery soon and get service for 12 months. Ill not can so much for manying for these I would return with about 1000 f in cash we my pocket which would keep me up for a year to twon I a not wholly mercenary in my dien to get married however- our can money alone altractione to any young lady.

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Dear Sis,

I have been waiting some time for a letter form either you or Georgie, but will now wait no longer as I suppose you all would like very much to hear from me as often as possible. You will preceive from the heading of this letter that I write in a new place - none other than Bro Thomas' office. first number of his paper has not yet appeared, but will be out day after tomorrow and every day there after except Sundays - containing the latest telegraphic dispatches received up to 8 o'clock the previous evening - thus becoming quite a diserable thing here. You see we shall then have the news as regularly and as early as you get it in Richmond - and perhaps there will be published for the first time in our Journal as much stiring news as in the Richmond Dispatch. You must know that Genl. Fremont is rapidly advancing toward our North West border with Genl. Price slowly retreating before him probably to effect a junction with Genl. McCulloch. Perhaps before this - or even while I write the battle between them is raging and a very severe one it will be, for Fremont has every military advantage that Ark and skill can afford - the best arms - most complete equipment & abundance of them - while opposed to him will be found scarcely anything more than stint arms and brave hearts. Such a condition of affears could not exist so near to us without giving rise to some sensation story, and accordingly we had it Saturday & Sunday - "that Fremont was coming down on us with an innumerable host annihilate - Price & McClulloch and that now was the time for every Arkansian to rush to the rescue of his state and repel the invader who threatened his frontiers". There was of course great stir here among the people - but the authorities paid very little regard to the reports. A company was at once enlisted for one months service - your humble servant among the recruits armed with a Maynard rifle and mounted on a fine charger but while the company were getting ready to start in a few days - it all blew over, and every thing settled down to its accustomed quiet. I did not put any reliance in the report at first and Gov. Rector ridiculed the whole thing refusing permission for his son to go - and saying that I ought not to go - but I knew it could do no harm and possibly some good might result. There were many amusing incidents growing out of the affair - fathers & mothers coming in from the country with sons to send, after the whole thing had blown over. One lady began on Sunday morning & wove the cloth & made a coat for her son to wear another sewed all Saturday night and all day Sunday. The excitement developed quite a large number of men who are still holding back - and I believe Arkansas could furnish with all ease at least 15000 more men now.

The Legislature of the State meets here next week and then for a month or so we shall have quite a lively time in town. We are preparing for more concerts and tableaux and expect to do a great deal in the way of providing for the necessities of the soldiers. Brother Thos expects to get along very well with his paper and has already flatering prospects ahead. However if he fails he will lose nothing himself as it is sustained almost entirely by his political friends. They are determined to war against the Johnsons and hope to head their influnce in the state by some means.

All the young ladies are charming and I manage to have a very nice time with them as there are but very few young men left in town - of those who visit in the best

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circles!!!! You know it won't do for every body to associate with daughters of Governors Senators Judges ec & those in whose views the royal blood of Scotland flows — as is the case with one young lady in town. There is one thing certain and that is I must have a wife but not every lady will do — I want one you know with some few thousands to help a fellow along — and extensive circle of family connections & friends to increase our pratice not to say anything of all the good qualities of head and heart that make ladies so attractive to the sturner sex. Such an one I fear will be very hard to find in Little Rock, but I hope ther may be some one in the State and that I may soon meet with her. Now if I leave for the camp very soon and get service for 12 months — I'll not care so much for marrying for then I would return with about 1000\$ in cash in my pocket which would keep me for a year or two. I am not wholly mercenary in my desire to get married however nor can money alone attract me to any young lady.

I hope you begin to like Mr. Lefebure very well by this time. Little Rock presents a splendid opening for a good female teacher - and for example Miss Cleveland. She could get from 800 to 1000\$ and her board with all ease. I hope to get frequent letters here after.

My love to all -

Affecty. Wm. H Peek

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Ship Point November 2nd 1861

My Dear Molly:

I received yours if - from Toylnsville was exceedling happy to hear from you and learn that yourself and our darlings were well, & hope you may continue to enjoy yourself. You are now in Richmond if nothing has happened to prevent. I expect to see you early next week. I have received an invation to stand an examination before the army board of the Confederate States & as soon as I can will be in R. You write therefore, not come down until you see or hear from me - If I go up & all is right, I can come home with you - We are all well - Commenced on Monday to build our winter quarters of pine <u>logs</u>. Will be, I think quite comfortable, not time to write more. Hope to see you soon.

Your affect, Hope

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Spring Hill Nov 9th 1861

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My Dear Child

I was glad to receive your dear kind letter, O how sad I feel at parting with my dear boy, I write now to ask you to see that he is made comfortable in the army. he left here without anything, I had nothing to give him and no money. I left three quilts in Hampton if they were saved I want them sold for forty and get him blankets with the money. you have a kind father in Richmond to attend to your wants my poor boy, has no one, you say my children shal never want, god bless you for that. My dear child please see that he has some thick shirts and pants please do all you can for my dear boy. I wish you his quarters & tents if not a fortunate with Mr C was glad when he left he says, P has no more manners than a hogs mind what you write do not mention one word if you (??) me soon and let (???) ere going to do.

goodby

your mother and friend Sally

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(letter to George Peek from L.P. Rice) 2 pg LNA

Florence Ala. Nov. 11th 1861

Mr. Geo. M. Peek Richmond, Va,

Dear Sir:

I have received your two letters. The gentleman to whom the position, about which we corresponded was offered, wrote to me ten days since, that he would accept and made his arraingements to when upon the discharge of its duties soon - I have not seen or heard from him since and I am instructed to wait (?) men (??) on him (?) I not, in the mean time hear from him. I am instructing to offer the same to you - With this I send your cousins, letter - I may probably telegraph or write to you in about a week; if so, come immediately, as we have been needing your services for sometime -

Very respectfully yours L.P. Rice

Nov 12

Since writing the above I received a letter from the above mentioned gentleman, saying that he could not get his consent to leave the Army and regretting that he had disappointed me - (?) the place to (?) and ask you to come immediately - I shall telegraph you to-day -

Respectfully

L.P. Rice

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## Little Rock noor 11 1861.

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- Thursday night [hefore 23 Nov. 1861] Horence M. University, My dear Ma, I arrived at this place at 5 Och this morning, and would have written you before, but the mail does not start til twelve to-mornon. and well it is; for I should not have been when to the you so much of the place the people se- The institution was formuly a flurishing college, but, now, on account of the was , the collegiate defiaitment is almost Suticely destroyed, as but two or there boys are here advanced Enough to sale when the collegiale course. Hence the school has been opened for smaller boys, and the duties devolving whom me will not be of that high Collegiate character that we had anticificated. In fact it is now a mere school. the military department is of course & be added. This is to be organized toldy In myself and carried for without con -flicting with any of the rules or recitations without guns or uniform at present. the state count funish us with Jung at this time to be used in this way.

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- Thursday night - Florence W. University, Florence Ala.

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I arrived at this place at 5'o clk this morning, and would have written you before, but the mail does not start til twelve to-morrow-and well it is, for I should have been able to tell you so much of the place the people &c - The institution was formeily a flurishing college, but, now, on account of the was, the Colligiate department is almost entirely destroyed, as but two or three boys are here advanced enough to enter upon the Collegiate Course. Hence the school has been opened for smaller boys, and the duties revolving upon me will not be of that high Collegiate character that we had had anticipated. In fact it is now a mere school.

The military department is of Course to be added. This is to be organized solely by myself and carried on without conflicting with any of the rules or recitations of the school-room. I am to do this with out guns or uniforms at present.

The state cannot furnish us with guns at this time to be used in this way, as her armory is well nigh emptied We will therefore, says the president Mr. Rice, have to do with private arms. Now the inconvenince of this kind of military organization will be seen at first glance. They will make no show what ever and that in a military Vino (???), the thing down to a mere nothing.

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Mr Rice has furnished me with a room in the College - which was occupied by a former teacher here, who was killed at the battle of Manassas. For the present I board with him - That is - I sleep in the College and eat at his house on the opposite side of the street some two hundred yards up towards the town - the College being built just on the edge of. the town. I shall have to furnish my room with some necessaites , The North C. Note & two Virginia Note enclosed I could do nothing with - The NC Note is a ten dollar note and I will try and pas it before sending it to you. But please forward in exchange for the notes send some southern money - as I will certinely need it. My passage here cost me. \$43.50 exactly - I bought from home 80\$ all told, which leaves me - a balance sufficient, perhaps, to my present necessities - My journey was exceedingley long and tedious, as you will see by tracing on the map that long line of railroad reaching from Richmond through North Carolina to Wilmington, then through South C to Agusta -- then up the long state road through Georgia diagonally to Atlanta, thence to Chattanooga Tennessee, and thence to Florence Ala. A long route, which occupied the space of three days and three nights. The cities of Augusta and Atlanta, GA are beautifully laid off in wide and airy streets. On the whole they are the prettiest cities I ever saw. Augusta has about 8000 inhabitant & Atlanta 5000 - nothing of importance transpired during

my trip - I was alone all the time, made no acquaentence and had little nor nothing to say to any one and now I am in Florence very well, having stood my trip remarkably-

I find Mr Rice to be very nice man a strict member of the Methodist Church. but a real hedague - school teacher. He is a very early riser, and I beleive works all day. He has been very much in want of a assistance and was very glad to see me. He has introduced me to many of the citizens of Florence already.-I have seen very little of his wife, but I think she is a very nice lady.- not very tasty, however, in her dress - some what delicate and I think either a spoilt child or a pet - They live in rather a common stile and here for the first time in my life I have tasted parched corn coffee. - I will be pretty well situated now in a very short time and I hope this session will be passaway. as pleasantly as anticipated. The village of Florence contains about 1500 inhabitants -- Not so populated as Hampton, but Covering a very large extent of ground - There is besides this College for young ladies conducted by the Presbetuany. The business is entirely suspended since the blockade of the Ohio river, as there, the Tennesse - also blockaded. I have been introduced to Prof Suskonski. Prof of modern languages and the only collegue of Prof. Rice. an every body in the town call him - We three are to conduct the school. - My department - The military - is exclusively mine - Suskonski is a hermit - lives in his room altogether. Finds his own eating - cook it on the stove in his own room. and is the strangest looking man I - ever saw. - I don't think I will find in him, at least a very Congenial Companion.

Give my love to all Sis & Jennie expecially - Tell all I didnt bid "good by" because farewell speeches are very unpleasant task to preform. I shall be more pleased to give them the meeting solitary when I return.

By the next mail I will write Sis & Jennie I will also write to Willie to day. informing him of my. situation &c.. -

I hope to get frequent letters from you all, which <u>alone</u> can make my stay here any ways plesant during the exceeding state of trouble & excitement that is abroad in the land.

I have noticed many villages on the route here - the pretiest were in Georgia. The villages of North & South C. are depot appearently - Even the town of Goldsboro is but another Williamsburg - None of them seem to be so large a Hampton.

In Georgia I noticed two or three beautiful towns, but there never was the railroad and there oysters potatoes.

I will write as I have time - Tell Pa please send me a paper - The examiner or Enquire.

Your Aff. Lov George M Peek

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My dear Sis,

Wesleyan University Florence Ala. Nov 23rd 1861.

The next mail from our place since I last wrote starts at twelve o'clock today, and in order to complay. with my promise., I must write you this morning.. In my last letter I gave a general outline of my Journey & duties & the place 4c- I will now facticulauise - as to a home that would suit us in the sunny south - I have not seen one. Either the Engineer have tracked the railroad through poor and swampy ground., expecially in the. states of N.&S. Carolina as the Rich & Beautiful lands and not at all in that section-Through North C. an interminable waste. of Pine Forest stretches itself from one end of the state to the other, interspursed occasionally with farm houses., and cleared land. Little villages. actually built in pine thickets resembling. cockeltown very much - a half dozen houses built promiscuously -- at which the car arways stopped were some what plentiful. In this forest of pines you could see the maker of industry in the skinned trees, from which the North Carolinians produce there chief staple, tar pitch & Turpentine. Cotton seemed to be the chief production of almost every farm. I saw in N&S Carolina, Georgia & Alabama. I saw in many instances negroes in the field picking it. The basket looked as if they were filled with snow. The town of Florence is somewhat larger than many of the towns on the route. It is laid off very well, with wide streets, and was a place of consederable business. The back country affording three companies of wollen manufactures and great abundance of cotton which was shipped from this place down the Tennesse to the Missippie. The place is removed from the river about a half mile, because they say people living on the river are subject to chills & fever. The ground here is high & rolling and has every appearance of being a very healthy location. The college is a very good building large and commodious built in all eminence and surrounded by a grove of oak trees - a beautiful place in summer no doubt.

The Town is scattering occupying a much larger space than Hampton, but not so populous. They have whole sale stores here that do not sell at retail at all. The inhabitants are Quiet and social and very patrotic - The men most of them have gone to the war. And Although a great number of the Young men of this place, in proportion to its its population were either killed or wounded in the battle of Manassas, yet many of them are now rushing on to Columbus, indivually without organizations, to repell the attack which now threatens that place.

Although here a friend has been slain there a brother had died in camp the danger of the battle are not estimated at all. All that I asked is "shall the Enemy conquer.?"

From what I can here I think the village of La Grange, Ala is a very pretty place. It is about 10 miles from here, and I think is the seat of "Broonwood Institute" look at that book I had and see - if the war should end and that institutee be for sale it would be a splended investment I think.

Mr. Wm John is the man who owns it, and says he will sell it at a very reasonable price, &c- when the war ends. And we get paid then we may think about it - I have seen no young ladies at all since Tve been here-I have no doubt that there are plenty of them here., and sick ones too! As Mr. Rice says. the country is

a very rich one. supporting some two cotton factories and several woolen factories, which are owned exclusively by about 3 or 4 men - These factories are making cords of money. The woolen factories manufacture goods like Pa bought. for Billy's Company. That will be the uniforms of the empany academy. When the boys are uniformed - I hope I shall be able to visit you all next summer when we shall be able to enter Pizzinis in style & state -

I live with the expection of seeing you - If this should turn out to be my house, every thing shall conduce to my advancement and nothing not even the ladies shall Hinder me in reaching my object - what ever it may be - Give my love to all my friends and to Jennie & all home folks & Mollie - Please write as often as you can - send the paper.

Your aff Bro Georgie

Monday Rec: y lists Hing dear Sis, I received your letter with a note from Jennie en Daturday. Nothing has been more delightful to me since dire been in Finence, thou the reception of this letter. I was really sorry to hear that heavy had fallen so sick, and that the result of unxiety & Trouble. He all have to treat Great afflictions in these days of calamety, but I was rejorcing that all seemen to bear them so nobley and so well. It spoils it all, though, to think that one even should have fallen under the weight. I really hope by this time the allach has proped over and haj receverd 'On Friday night for the first time Luce The been here I visite some ladies - I was circles to take tea with Judge More, the regular circuit judge of the northern custol of alabama, who seems to treat me with great respect over and visibled on my going this to one and being some la dies to wester

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( George Meridyth Peek )

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Florence Ala. Monday Dec 9- 1861.

My dear Sis,

I received your letter with a note from Jennie on Saturday. Nothing has been more delightful to me since I've been in Florence, than the reception of this letter.

I was really sorry to hear that Mary had fallen so sick, and that the result of anxiety & trouble. We all have to bear great afflictions in these days of Calamity; but I was rejorcing that all seemed to bear them so nobly and so well.

It spoils it all, thought, to think that <u>one</u> even should have fallen under the weight. I really hope by this time the attack has poped over and many lay recovered.

On Friday night. for the first time since I've been here, I was invitied to take tea with Judge Moore, The regular Circuit judge of Northern district of Alabama, who seems to treat me with great respect and favor. While there his nephew came over and visited on my going to his house. and seeing some ladies who were there.

The Judge of course could not deprive me of the enjoyment - and both went over - Where I became acquainted with three young ladies - Miss Foster - Miss Oneal and another one whose name I did not hear, for there was something about her very remarkable which attracted all my attention at the time, so that I did not listen to the name at all. Compared to our Hampton belles not one of them is pretty but all are interesting. The Judge of whom I speak is quite a prominent man in this state. He once received a very large Vote in a democratic Convention. (The last one) for there nominee for the Gubernatinal. Chair. He speaks of raising a regiment and in lieu of which, he is leaning tactics, and is a regular attendented on my drill at the College -

The people of Florence call me either "professor on Captian", We will have a uniform, but there is a poor prospect of getting guns. Ask Pa to talk with Mr. Booker and see if there are some arms useless to the state of VA. that we could get? -.

I get a letters from Willie pretty. regularly, but he has said nothing about his sweetheart - By the Way, I have made acquaintance of a young lady whose fathers wealth is incaleculable - He owns one of the largest factories of woolen clothes in this county, which is paying him now cords of money - beside parts of other factories - cotton &c - and plantations, Ect. Ect. I have written to Willie to let him know that she will suit him exactly - being too tall in statue for me. She has other qualities of course - I have learned from Mrs Rice that her father wants her to marry - a mathematician who can take his place at the management office factories. I am not carried away by the ladies of Florence to any alarming extent - And you need have no apprehension that I will get a sweet heart from among them - I think on the contrary that Judge Moore. will put off raising his regiment til the Summer - I will fish for a big position in it. - I don't care if it is even a Major -

This morning three young ladies came to visit our  $\underline{dr}$ ill - two of them I had before been introduced to , and the acquanitance of the other I made this morning. If being acquanited with the ladies will help me to enjoy my Christmas I think I'll have a pretty good time.

I sent, in my letter, 3\$ which I wished returned in money that would pass here - I have a 10\$ North Carolina note I will send for exchange also -

The 3 however, were not <u>returned</u> as I expected - You must put two five cents stamps on your letter or I will have to pay the additional 5 cts. for every letter and as we are not allowed to send letters without prepayment and there are no stamps here. Every letter I write home cost me 15 cts. if I receive one in return, provided you fail to pay your postage.

You need not send my books or any thing if you have not sent them as I can get along without them - I have one class in Cicero and one in (???) Equations in Algebra & they are the higest classes I have -

I have much time to liston to other things. and if I could get law books I would Commence to study law. I would do no harm at any rate - write to me as often as possible

Your aff Bro. George.

Firence Dec: 14.81 My dear Ma. although you think that I am better schooled and perhaps better off than yet you must have a letter Every week I shall hereafter endeavour to write a letter once a week allhough it is very ha write even two letters to one. Last Evening I spent at Judge Moores. The came yealleman in at which I took tea come time cince. He ceams to as I have reported involve me to his house livice to spend a social Evening together. I have also spent an evening, or rather, taken tea with h! Stewart a Very prominent man in this destrict from whom I learned a great deal about secretary Walker, who is, by the way, from this very tour and well known to Every body. The people, although they had conferred offices of thust upon walker, had but little faith in the afformbruent of the president when he called lim to was -Seat in the Cabruch.

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consequence of it - having taken sich from the fatigue and exposure of that day, from which he never a Covered. Several of the wounded can be seen now walking in worden legs & with arms in Sting on these I breets. or history of the family of which would hat interest you much I rection - The has I wother, all in the anny. I Cols: and one adjulant - the older one was at me time a lawyer of the bar and a mellerdist preacher and was a judge when he was called out- or had been for he is called Judge Wood. and is said to be one of the first lawyers Phe has been Educated in a Catholic Muneray - Hear George lown Stenty. Always bay a great many incedences to tell about the sister te. My Company has not been from the state of the we would go decurely to put there is a poor chance I suppose -La may see Mr. Custis about it and let me senow. I am sujognez pretty Good bealth of present all Tell him live my love to little fisse & all Tell him to make baske and write to his brother Georgie.

(George Meridyth Peek) #4

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Florence Dec 14th 61

My dear Ma.

Although you think that I am better <u>situated</u> and perhaps better off than any of those who are away from home - yet you must have a letter every week.

I shall hereafter endeavour to write a letter once a week although it is very hard to write even two letters to one.

Last evening I spent at Judge Moor's The same gentlemans house, at which I took tea some time since. He seems to have taken a great fancy to me and has as I have reported invites me to his house twice to spend a social evening togeather. I have also spent an evening, or rather, taken tea with Dr Stewart a very prominent man in this district from whom I learned a great deal about Secretary Walker, who is, by the way, from this very town and well known to every body. The people, although they had conferred officer of Trust upon Walker, had but little faith in the appointment of the president when he called him to war - seat in the Cabinet.

Dr Stewart says, that out of 40 appointments (I think) from the state of Alabama to the Commissary and Quatermasters department of the Army, during the last days of his adminstration about 33 were members of the State legislature, evidently aiming at the Senator berth. He thinks that some strong hints were thrown out by the President for him to resign.

I have also been invited, and accepted and complied with my invitation to Mr Fosters house, who is president of the board of Misters of this institution, and what's more, the brother of the member of Congress from this district. Young Foster is a student at the College, on the occasion of his birthday, gave a candy-stero, which I had the pleasure of attending, and of making the acquaintance of some of the finest ladies in Florence.

Mrs Foster is a strict old fashion Methodist and also Mr Foster. They live in the finest residence in Florence. The front yard is beatifully laid off in groveled walks and flower beds. The walks so run as to form a heart, the point of which comes up exactly opposite the center of the fron door. The house is a full brick building with a beatiful and showy front marble steps and lofty white pillows which support the roof of the porch. And inside they have the very best furniture and fitted up after the bery best and most fashionable style, and yet they are strict methodist not the shadow of a dance was permitted, not even a foot was allowed to be crossed or to pat the floor in time with one of the most splendid pianos..accompanies by the sweetist vocal instruments out side of Virginia.

But the greatest pleasure I enjoyed here is to hear that in Every letter that comes from Virginia the ladies of my old state, and the people generally all praised to the skies.

Almost everyone has a bright angel in Virginia that has administered to the wants and sufferings of some near and dear relative, and the people of this county & town have suffered greatly. for the 4th Alabam a which according to a Yankee General's report sustained and repulst the successive attack of 3 Northern regiments and, consequently, suffered so griveously, came from here.

Many were their wounded and slain on that day, an many a family in Florence wsa berieved in consequence - Judge Moore lost a brother, not exactly in the fight but in consequence of it - having taken sick from the fatigue and exposer. of that day, from which he never recovered. Several of the wounded can be seen now walking on wooden legs & with lims in a sling on the streets.

Mrs Rice has given me a long  $\underline{string}$  on history about her family &c. - Which would not instrest you much. I reckon - She has 3 Brothers, all in the Army. 2 Cols. and one adjustant - The oldest one was at one time a lawyer at the bar and a methodist preacher - and was a Judge when he was called out - or had been. - for he is called Judge Wood, and is said to be one of the first lawyers at the bar here.

She has been educated in a Catholic Nunery near Georgetown near by. Always by a great many incidents to tell about the sister &c -

My Company has not been able to procure arms yet - If we could get them from the State of VA. We would go secretly &c. - but there is a poor chance I suppose - Pa may see Mr. Custis about it - and let me know. I am enjoying pretty good health at present.

Give my love to little Jesse & all tell him to make hast and write to his brother.

Gergie.

## WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,

Florence, Olla., e.

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(George Meridyth Peek) #5 (written on report card) 4 10 2 212/2

Dec 22- 1861.

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Dont you forget to send my 3\$ that you received in my letter some time ago. I have also 10\$ North C. Note that is no use to me.

My dear sis.

I neglected yesterday to get some writing paper and today If I would write home, I must resort to one of our students reports I am sure however that you owe me a letter for I have received only one letter from you or from Virginia, my dear old home - since I've been here in Florence.

But to keep up  $\operatorname{Ma'a}$  reqest, I will write another letter to day as I did last  $\operatorname{Sunday}$ .

We have had no cold weather here yet - no ice and but little frost. The cold winds of the North Soften down into mild & plesant breezes. by the time they reach this land of flowers. I have made but few new acquaintances since I last wrote. The people in F. are very sociable; and from all appearances, will celebrate Christmas although we all changed with the war. The ladies all lively and chearful, but there is no superficial show and destestable rivley to surpass in dress about them as I noticed among the ladies of Little Rock. Many of them are rich and wheel about the streets in their fine carriages, but acknowalge their old School mates, and where ever you find a gathering you will see both indiscriminately mingerd togeather, dressed in the same style - with the same cheerful face, bragging alike of the work they, with their own fingers, have done for the Soldiers. Unlike most strikingly unlike that hateful spirt of jelousy that raings amoung the circle of Little Rock but more like the happy unity and harmony that, used to characterize our dear Old Hampton.

I have never been able to organize my Company since Ive been here. The material is so bad - and the fact of my not being able to get guns almost renders it impossible - yet I hope to comply, but yet for that is my only hope to have the military department here thoroughly organized; if I would remain here another year to seek a higher position.

The people here have not asked to Volunteer yet. A part of a regiment is now in Florence waiting to be filled to garrison a fort on the Tennessee - not far from this place.

I am quite well and expect to enjoy my self as much as, could be expected as my 3 day holiday Christmas - Please let me have a letter from you as soon as you can find time to write - hopefully..one is on the way. - I bid it all possible speed - Love to all. I hope Mollie is well.

Georgie.

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(George Meridyth Peek)

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My dear Ma,

Florence Ala Dec26-61

Christmas day has past and now we can only act and muse over what is gone never to be retrieved  $\hfill \wedge$ 

While all is quiet and enjoyment yesterday, amoung the good people in Florence, in almost every circle I visited, there was still an uneasiness manofisted, which could only be atributed to the universal sadness that reigns almost every where in Consequence of the war. Where frequently I would hear, assisted by some one of the family, "that so many brothers were absent in the war, and what a empty vacuum in our enjoyment is experiences compaired to the pleasure and rejocing of our last Christmas!" I could but think of the situation of my townsmen in Virginia, and of my dear home folks, scattered and diven from there homes, and the anniversary of this day, instead of bringing rejoice & enjoyment only causes them to think in sorrow of the prosperty they once enjoyed. Our little ones hung up no slockings this Christmas, but, not only thought of there absent brother, but also of there pillaged homes and blasted hopes. I thought that these folks, instead of complaining should rejoice, because they were permitted to sit down in their own nicely furnished homes and enjoy unmolested their splendedly prepaired dinner, sparklin wine, and delicious fruit, when many of the sufferies of this country craved for a peice of bread their dog would would refuse to eat in other times.

I had my Christmas dinner by special invitation, at Mr. G. W. Fosters, the president of the board of trustees. It was not such a dinner as we used to have at Christmas. The first course was about equal to the common dinings we used to have - When the family would gather togeather and a turkey of unusual size would be rosted &c. The second course was only cake & custard and that ended dining. Today Pro. Rice will have a dining at this house, which I think from the preparation, will surpass our presidents. To night I am invited to see some young ladies, who expect to be at Mr Fosters, and yet I will not forget for a momement, the dear ones I have left behind. The ladies of Hampton did all the associations and Connections of dear old Hampton all sweeter to me than any other I can possibly form. These endearments were formed in youth, and they grow with the mind. I have made the acquandance of a daughter of a methodist preacher who is now dead. She is a orphan having neither mother nor father, but two brothers, one in the war the other the object of her special care, being about as old as Jesse. She is without exception the smartest young lady in Florence, cheerful and lively, almost wild, but a member of the Methodist Church. Her name is Miss Mollie Ragland and among the nicest young ladies in Florence, but Mr Rice says, I have not seen the one I'll fall in love with yet.

And now I think I have some little reason to Complain that I have received only one letter from home since I've been here - now some two months - probably Get Sis to write for I must confess I feel a little uneasy. about you all.

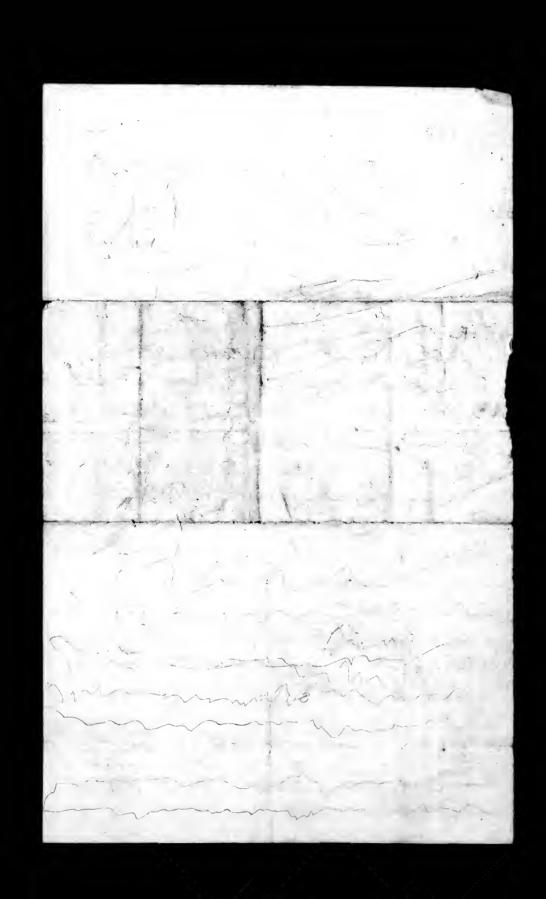
And now Ma I would ask to take little Jesse from that school he was going to when I left. A cross and crabbid old maid is detestable, and will ruin the mind of any child - I have had experinces enough in teaching to know that. I hope all well at home and nothing unusual has happned. to disturb your feelings - Love to all -

Your aff Son. George M Peek

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(PS of a letter from Ark. 1861)

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( last of letter Little Rock, Ark. 1861 )
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> Affectionately Willie

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(George Meridyth Peek)
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F.W.U. - Jan 2nd/62

Dear Sis,

I was very glad to get a letter from you a few days ago. It was the 2nd letter I have received from home since I left and certanety it was not an unplesant message. I will not call this little note an answere to it for. I have much to tell you in my next letter - I have visited an unexplored cave in this country and penetrated, perhaps, farther than any one has ever gone - I was perfectly delighted with my trip. We staid in the cave from 7 in the evening til after 10 and went in the morning again and spend 3 more hours. When I came out the second time I was completely exhausted and nervous, but soon recovered - It has been some days since I was there and when I write again will give you a description of it. I have no time to write you a long letter to day, but will put it off till next Sunday. I am anxious to know whether Willie has arrived in Richmond. Write me a soon as you get this, if it is only 3 lines. If you Can. I would like ( missing ) of such a (missing ) possibly be obtained a (??) to "Lomig' Algebra" or to any other considerable Algebra and send it immediately - Meprs West & Johnson will send it by mail if they have it by paying a little extra -

I am enjoying myself here as well as expected. my duties are becoming less onerous every day, although I have much more to do when I first came here -

Our president Dr. Young, the tallest and finest looking man I ever saw has joined us now, and we are in regular operation as a college. Since I have formed my Company Im dubbed major by my friends. All is well with me. I have not heard from Willie for a month or more -

Give my love to all - little Jesse, and tell all the boys I'll be amongst them before they get big enough to shoot Yankees.

Your Brother Geo M Peek

P.S.

Please to tell me if you got 3\$ I sent in a letter?

I have asked it in every letter. ( missing ) I have written - almost.

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(George Meridyth Peek) #8 1/2 pg Lpk

F.W. U. Jan 2nd /62

Dear Bros.

I received yesterday evening the enclosed document from Pa, with directions to have it signed and filled according to law. I could make no explanation to the lawyer at all, not knowing any thing about it, for I have received no intelligence either in Pa's letter or previously about the purchase of any proptery of the kind. Sis in her last letter told me, however, that you had purchased the farm of 16 acres. from Mr Dance for 15000 dollars; but this deed so far as I could see/and also the lawyer & probate judge to whom I carried it.) perportes to be a deed from me to Mr Taylor, Trustee for Mr. Dance, and yet I had to sign notes to pay money for the same track for which I was giving a deed. The Judge told me that he didn't know whether he could fix it so as to be admitted to record in VA. nor did he know any one who could inform me, but would do what was necessary in any court in Ala. If it is not right you will send it back with full instructions. I hope it is all right, but if it should become necessary to retain it do not fail to get the proper instructions as to how I am to proceed -

I have done the best I could by the advice I had. -

I am progressing very well in my duties here - Our school is incressing daily - Do not forget to give the enclosed note to Sis as soon as possible

Yours & C Geo. M Peek

F. W. U. Am. 5 14/12 The war dis, It is here thereday 22 mins und according to une account i In a cetter. to day I had the Measure of Mexima. I summe, the presiden? our college, preach turce - once in The morning and once in the exercise. Ita 11 a feloudid preserve med a very learned and in tresting mean. He is bfeel Tinches mini and well proportioned mating in the main me of the fresh. lorking wen I see law. I send you a paper with a riece marker, which he write , about our institution, and which may be of some salesfaction to you, as my defiail ment and myself is chiefly the Pubject of the article. hi your last letter I gette it he, or of mice h untintance which you spote is being familiar to me. But when I tele you that I have received only two etter som non, you will not be empoused when I tele! you that every single on iste of your letter was entirely new to me. I wan Had to here that buck take is situated in

in rospelai in troumond and Cherch, freed from that detestable company, 1900: Eddy how is the mli me, and Camplifix I like to forgit line ) are the only ones to in se a seure of timble à me mac-- Count ten very unpleasure debition. When her write again please mention them. I want to know when you read from them te - Regard the Interesting curemmance, and matter connected with the true at and I delight to hear from my bread, a road. There fore the mere statement that you te-- Cerved a letter from such in ne, and he was wate, would be a mast come ? gratication to me. Otherwise, is it posselle that I shall remain here for lo mong houthy and here not a word me ousin tichards panily, Cousin rachs, The priends of my bouth, who used to e the Very life and bryom of may enjoyment? I promised to tele you, in a note I enclosed in that law document I tent brother form, (tele him I have sent it), to leve you of a grand Trip I had to a care in the records of Florence. Rele, sof trustonice of whom I have flooten before, is very and to me for, indeed, I am his mely

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where dadliness reigned de purpetione Right We descended into this place by the craggy wocks, each one anding the atten with his hand. and uno we were all down in The fit, and so was the ni mo. humin to the magro - asked which was the irrection to take. Pinding to the left into the impend to tackness dais "that way" are you duce? "he "11, Massa! Looking wound me ind accor that - home were desposed to sidance I il The 's or. The tole in this direction because four and is until frailey I was completed to crawl, und Otile d'weats on en precting soon & come à un Mening. But cill it became verse us close until finales I was confered to any flat upon the for of The rave and readings of him est 7. Let I continued, but tracelles come to where the case crased in that side it any tate, and now I became so enhanced that I was compelled to hake of my coal and Muife and, drag them after me out of the Care. He reached the fish with me my enjoy, regard faligue, and ment about seaching for unother interance. he a few memerter of If us rescovered a hole in the rock made perfectly somoth by continual ingrees and thrown to in a from the care. We crowled through this and lound unselver in a Quacion that that wound its way for hun-Treds of y weds " her der the earth. This wif

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(George Meridyth Peek)
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F.W.U.Jan 3rd1862

My Dear Sis,

It is now Sunday evening and according to arrangement I owe you a letter. To day I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Young, the president of our college. preach twice - once in the morning and once in the evening. He is a splendid preacher and a very learned and insteresting man. He is 6 feet 7 inches high and very well proportined - making in the main one of the finest looking men I ever saw. I send you a paper our institution, and which may be of some satisfaction to you; as my department and myself is chiefly the subject of the article.

In your last letter I gethered news of much importance, which you spoke of as being familiar to me. But when I tell you that I have received only two letters from you, you will not be surprised when I tell you that every single sylable of your letter was entirely new to me. I am glad to hear that unlike Jesse is situated in an Hospitial in Richmond and truly freed from that detestable Company. Bro Eddie now is the only one and Daniel (for I like to forget him) are the only over who are a a source of trouble to me on account of thier very unplesant situation.

When you write again please mention them I want to know when you heard from them & C - Beyond the insteresting circumstances and matter connected with the family at home I delighted to hear from my friends abroad. Therefore the mere statement that you received a letter from such an one, and he was well, would be a great source of gratification to me. Otherwise, is it possible that I shall remain here for so many months and hear not a word from Cousin Richards family, Cousin Sarah's, the friends of my youth, who used to be the very life and Vigour of my enjoyment?

I promise to tell you, in a note I enclosed in that law document I sent brother Jonny (tell him I have sent it) to tell you of a grand trip I had to a cave in the vicenty of Florence. Well Prof. Pruskoski of whom I have spoken before, is very kind to me (for indeed, I am his only Companion inhabling to - gotton this vast building, in rooms opposite each other! and offered to lend me his horse at any time. I accepted him on this occasion and with five students, who made the necessary preparations, I started on the evening of the 31st of December intending to bivouac that night in the open air, or remain in the cave all night and return the next eveing. Accordingly we arrived at the Cave about sundown; and after building a huge fire (for the air was raw & cold) and making coffee and eating supper we started in the Cave, and then it was about 7. O'clock. A negro had come on the groung to bring forage. for our horses, and him we took as a guid, although he had never been more than a few steps into the cave, and the cave had never been explored. Nevertheless he knew how to enter, We thought, and that was all we wanted. So having prepaired one latern, and buckling around an overcoat about me a huge knife, and all of us being similarly fixed we proceeded to enter the cave. We advanced ten steps when we came across a deep jut followed frequently devourging by narrow and rocky defiles into grond chambers, arches in surprising proportions. One of these pieces so struck me with awe that I called it "Rocky Eurliance" to the chambers of Darkness" The chambers were oval shapes, real domes that towered high up in the rock gentely tapering in high ridges of rock protruding on all sides alike, til they centred in a honey combo substance wonderfully. resembling the beatiful chandelier in Broad St. Methodist Church. There were four of these in number. Another thing I saw very remarkable was a deep well, hallowed out to a considerable depth, and oval

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shaped at the top piercing high up in the earth, and from the top of this the water continued to drop to the bottoms of the well. We spent three hours in the cave that night. And after spredding some fodder on the ground in front of our fire, and fixing the cushions of our buggies for our pillows, we wrapped our mantial cloaks around us and slept like logs, taking care to leave two at the time to keep watch

The next morning we arose and after break fast visited the cave again, where we made a few more discoveries and after dinner left for town. I enjoyed my trip wonderfully, and so glowing are our descriptions of what we saw and of the splendid time we had that it has become necessary that we must take the ladies down there too, which we'll will accordingly do shortly. And this ends the Cave history.

A very embarrassing circumstance happend at church to day, which made me fell exceedingly. A young lady from the female seminary who had gone to hear Dr. Young preach when coming out of the door surrounded by her fellows, caught her hoops in the step next to the top one and fell head long upon her face over two or three steps upon the ground. The hoops continued to stick to the steps and hence to extract herself became very difficult nor do I know how she succeeded, for having pity on the feeling of the unfortunate girl, I absconded. in double quick time and left her to her companions, who seem to be entirely carless of her condition. Tell Jennie I've been looking out for that letter she promised me for many days. My Best love to all.

Your Aff. Brother Geo M Peek

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P.S. The Cap must be of Confederate Clyle-Love i ale

( George Meridyth Peek ) # 11 3 pg unk Florence Ala Jan 11th 1862 My dear Pa, I have had great difficulty, as I have before said, in organizing the military department in this institution - and now have gone so far as to establish the uniform and appoint the officers - Now I am required to present to the board of Trusties a code of regulations by which the military department is to be governed. After I shall have done this and procured arms, which I have determined to make out of wood and got the uniform all fixed, then I shall Consider my work finished for this year at any note. I write at present to see if I can get your aid in the uniform line. If you are well enough and it will not be too much fatigue wont you see if you can get a button made - a common button with the stamp of our College upon it on the letters F.W.C. placed over the top (The stamp you will see on the envelope) and also a small button for the sleeve with only the letters on them - I shall

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I am very well and will srite again soon. I haven't fallen in love with any of the ladies yet, but like their Company exceedingly well. Please give me a short letter in haste - all these things I have written for I shall be paid for by the students and will remit the money or bring it home when I come.

I am in Affection Your Son Geo. M. Peek

PS.

The Cap must be of Confederate Style - Love to all -- G-

. N. B. Please forward any letter that come to Richmond for me.

Moore Hashital Manassas January 28 1862.

Dear Ma

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(William Hope Peek) #10

N.B. please forward any letters that come to Richmond for me.

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Moore Hospital Manassas January 28 1862.

Dear Ma

I reached this place on Sunday afternoon much later than I expected and found everything in great confussion - and any quanity of the thickest and stickest mud to be found in the whole confederacy. I was directed to a tolerably nice looking house as the hotel - but on entering and enquiring for the landlord, was informed that I was in an hospital. After getting nearly swamped in the mud I finally reached the hotel a common frame shanty - all eating room below and all sleeping room above.

The next morning I went to the Medical Director and he informed me it was not necessary to go on to Centerville to report to Genl. Johnson - as he was going on himself. He told me that I u? in all proability - be ordered to the 4th Alabama Regt. at Dumfrees - that it was without any medical offices at all and I would stand a good chance for promotion. All that and the fact that the regement is mainly from Florence and the surrounding country made me very desirous to be ordered to it. There was a full suregon who reported for duty at the same time that I did and the next morning I found he had been ordered to the 4th Alabama and I to the 9th Georgia near Centerville. I found the Medical Director a nice man and very much disposed to satisfy everybody possible so when he found I did not much want to go to the field he sent me down to the hosipital to relieve an assistant surgeon who did want to have a regiment.

There hospitals or rather hospital are under the charge quite a young man and all the surgeons and assistants are quite young nice gentlement too - and I anticipate a very pleasant time indeed. I shall have plenty to do too for at present I am in charge of two wards full of sick - the worst sort of cases of Typhoid fever and Typhoid Pueuneuia. Every body who comes here will enought to move is sent on to some other place, so that all our patients are pretty bad off. I entered upon duty today and I am confident there are several men in my ward who will be dead in 24 hours.

I am very nicely fixed - have a room well ceiled with a good stove in it and have pressed into service a bedstead mattress and plenty of blankets from the hospital stores which the assitants take the liberty of using.

When you send my things on please to send me a tin wash basin a small pitcher, glass, a pair of sheets - a pillow & some two or 3 cases (small one) and anything that will do for a counterpane, and a small looking glass. Put these up in a nice box, directed to me at "Moore Hospital, Manassas" and send these by the Express - and I will get them - please write saying what day they will be sent. If Dr. Morris should get into the notion of changing with me I am already for him we already have one Surgeon here from Baltimore - the rest besides myself - are chiefly Louisianians.

My facilities for writing are not very good at present so I'll just stop here -

I don't think I have quite enough money to do me till I draw pay.

Love to all Affectionately W.H.P.

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( William Hope Peek )

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Moore Hospital Manassas Feby 5th 1862

Dear Pa,

I find I must have a small boy here to wait on me. I can't well do without one - and if you know of anyone who will suit hire him and send him on to me. Hire by the month - say about 5 or 6\$ per month. Write to me at once so that I may hire one somewhere else if possible - if you know of none. A small active fellow even if he were much smaller than Bob - would suit - Write in reply to this on Friday - and if you know of one that will suit , send him by Express Sunday. If Bro. Johnny has sold the rifle send me half the money retaining to help pay for my uniform and other things I have ordered.

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( William Hope Peek )

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Moore Hospital Manassas, Feby 10 1862

Dear Sis

Yours of the 7th inst has been received.-I came in - You need not s'ent any of the things. I will walk about here without ever having my boots cleaned. I'll worry my firends borrowing their books - I'll take things from the hospital stores to which I am not entitled - I'll sleep on the floor in my room while all the other gentlemen have their beds ec.

As for Pa or Ma - or you - or any other members of the family wanting anything that shall never be while I have a cent in my pocket where with to relieve it. I am very willing to give up my pay to the support of the family. But how I am to get along with 10\$ only in my pocket for two [

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much for washing - so much to have my room cleaned up and so much for other incidentals - I can't well conceive.

It is very evident that I can mess by myself - and more evident that there are many usless extravagances in our mess as it is - Think of 40\$ per month for Abutter alone - and there we have the poorest sort of feed never anything like a pudding which the use of so much butter would suggest. What am I to do -Would you have me put my veto on the present management of the mess. I am a newcommer and it must be considered a favor that I was admitted to the mess. How would I get along if I were to cut loose from them - I am certianly lonesome enough already. I hope you all will take into consideration your letter ignorance of the fact-that circumstances which surrounded you me here. As for Uncle Jesse's remark about his being staisfied with a shwl for a bed while on the Peninsular - I'd like to ask him - if he were compelled to remain all night at his hospital if he would content himself with sleeping on the floor wrapped in his blanket . I am not in the field here - nor is it summer time nor am I surrounded by friends from my own acquaintance of town, situated precisely as I am.

However - as I am intimated, am not in jest, I am anxious to do everything I can for you all. Pa has no son who would sacrifice his own comfort for him more than I would. I am not disposed to quible at the fact [

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He was compled to harnass himself to death at the business - which he thought has passed from under his control.

I really do not need the sheets & pillows - or the bed spread - but I am not entitled to what I am now using and I do not know when they may be taken from me. All the others - except one - have their own bedding I believe - and that one intends to provide himself What in the world I do if I were ordered to the field. How would I get along with a pair of blankets. There is not a private who is not better provided - certainly not one brought up as I have been who has not a cot or a campbedstead & a bed sack filled with straw. But if I were to write for a camp cot you would all cry out extravagant - I am not, as you think, providing myself as lavishly as the other Surgeons here. Each one has his own horse and servant. I have none, nor do I want any - I'd like to ask Uncle Jesse, if were ordered to the field up here - if he wouldn't keep a horse & servant. I don't know how long I'll stay here - or how soon I'll be ordered to the field.

I hope you will not consider that I have written in a spirit of dissatisfaction - I am willing to put up with anything - and hope you all will not make yourselves in the least uneasy on my account. I regret I had a uniform made - for I can do without that better than anything else. There is only one here who has a uniform - I suppose there is nothing like dignity of position to preserve. It matters very little how I demean myself - Tis not worth while to show there country bumbksis who for are a large number of privates in our army that there is any difference between officer and soldier. I hope you won't quote Uncle Jesse to me any more - What did he say when I asked him what I needed & ought to get. Didn't he tell me many things which I have not the least idea of getting - and now when I ask the use of a pair of sheets & a bedspread which if I were home I'd require & wh. cause no outlay of money - he talks about he had at Ship Point.

I was very much surprised at the tone of your letter, but not displeased.

I hope Ma will consider I am old enough and have sufficent discrition now to do somethings with out first asking her permission. I know - as she would interpose, I spent a good some of money in my trip to L.R. but we all thought it best to run the risk. There was no certinity in my getting an appointment there - or by remaining in Richmond and the time for consideration was short. I was misled by Bro Thos he did it innocentely however.

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One of the assistants had a nice little supper the other night oystres - ham & turkey - and we had the Medical Director and Purveyor of the Army of the Potomic with us -

Our Sergeon in charge - is becomming extremely unpopular with the others. There will be a blow up soon in my opinion - They say he is not a gentlemen and lacks good breading - He is very rough in his manner - expecially to the employers & patients - but he is afraid to do anything of the kind to us. Besides they say he is utterly incompetent as a surgeon and Physician.

I have a chum now. Wm. Taylor, Va. who has just passed the board. A very nice man too. a real Virginia gentleman - Write Soon - Love to all W.H.P.

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( George Meridyth Peek )

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(WRITTEN FROM FLORENCE ALA., PART OF LETTER, NO DATE)

My Dear Pa,

Your letter is received this morning. The letter enclosed was written last night.

I want 5 gross of large size buttons with the Eagle and letters, as fancy a button as can be made for 9\$ or 10\$ a gross.

4 gross of the small size with the letters. I would like to have them made as much like the confederate buttons as possible.

I want a confederate majors cap made of gray cloth and with 4 rows of very the narrowest lace.

Send 4 stars of gold along - they will cost about 25ct a piece. Some velvet over a inch wide to go on my pants. And if does not cost too much get me a major strap for the shoulders.. I beleive I have specefied all I want.

You may send me four yards of the narrowest lace such as they put on the caps.

I have not received any money yet, but will get it, I suppose I have none, but will try and get some when I want some

Your Aff son;

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(George Meridyth Peek) #12

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Florence Ala Feb 15th 1862

Dr. Pa,

Send me one gross of Confederate buttons and one of small buttons - Since the man has refused to make them for what he said - I will see the Trusties about further orders.

The Yankies have reduced one school very much, but we will never suspend, for the endowment fund will be forfited, if the College closes.

I mean the defeat of our armies at Ft. Henry and the progress of the Yankies to the head of Nangations on the Tennessee has injured us.

I am going out to drill a regiment of Militia to day in the Battalin drill. I am well and will write soon to Sis and give all the news.

Your aff. Son

G M Peek

Then I will spile at the Coly! Cary &c - and vide as fine Marine Cla. a horse and lead as glorions Feb. 16! [862. a Charge as they ever faid in their dieams. I told you all, My dear Sign at Packer would easy, that I'd be a major before the war Pa on yesterny for me gross of I enfect very much from Each the to the for So Small a quantity because Cold on yesterday, having to I thought some might be left nde & miles in the Country and on my hands; hit a tailor in Then parade on a bleak filled; town lays he were give 2 but as I here the cold unless dog for any Engle Gulling. I sleep cold I am as well the confederate button in the as ever today. I will be could my Hadee's solier Ben Had your I want the trongs I won be rispe to send the for as soon as bessitte you will quantity I formerly content not have time to get them for, 5 or 6 gross of the large Trecken - live my lova 6 Deze & 3 in for from fille Shale Cize. Jula me some all and let me hear from Confederate bullins, of not all. you coon - your to grand

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( George Meridyth Peek )

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Florence Ala. Feb 16th 1862.

My dear Sis,

I wrote to Pa on yesterday for one gross of each kind of buttons I wrote for so small a quanity because I thought some might be left on my hands, but a taylor in town say's he will give  $2\frac{1}{2}$ \$ a doz. for any Eagle buttons. The Confederate button is sold here for 7\$ a set. That being the case ( missing ) it would be safe to send me the quanity I formerly wrote for 5 or 6 gross of the large size and 3 or (??) gross of the small size. Send me some Confederate buttons, it not all.

I am very glad to hear that the old artillery is about to be squashed. I would recommend to brother Eddie to go whereever he can do best, Either in the cavalry, infantry or artillery. If he can get an officer in the old Art., then by all means, let him stay in it. I am not surprised at hearing that Capt Smith expects to be a Major for things are conducted in VA. apperently. Every where else the Capts & Soldiers Elect there Major & Capt but in VA the Governor appoints them, and he who can muster the strongest friends, whether he be competent or the choice of his soldiers or not, he is placed in Command. I am please to hear also of my Pod's prospect of advancement.

And now, I reckon, you would like to know how I am getting along. On Yesterday I went to the militia muster and instructed their Col in maneuvering his battlion. Snow had fallen and it being very cold for this climate, but few were on the parade ground. I there fore, didn't have the opportunity of spreading myself before the people. They raised one Volunteer Company and requested me to drill them. Another Company is being raised in Florence and that also bar requested me to drill them. I shall endevor to work the matter so that if a regiment shall be formed I may be elected Major of it. Then I will smile at the Col. Cary &c - and ride as fine a horse and lead as glorious a charge as they ever did in their dreams. I told you all, as Packee would say., that I'd be a Major before the war was over.

I suffered very much from cold on Yesterday, having to ride 6 miles in the country and then parade on a bleak field, but I never take cold unless I sleep cold I am as well as ever today.

I wish I carried my Hardee's tactics from Ben H???gins but I want the thing. I wrote for as soon as possible you will not have time to get them I reckon - Give my love to all and let me hear from you soon -

Yours &c G M P

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( William Hope Peek )
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Moore Hospital Manassas Mar 2

Dear Pa -

Please find herewith enclosed one hundred & thirty dollars - which I desire you to use as you think best for the good of us all.

Please to send me two or 3 one & two dollar notes and halves if you can get them.

I am quite well - Every day makes us stronger here & I think the disaster at Donelson will be retrived in this part of Va  $\underline{\text{We will}}$  not fall back.

Affectionately W. H. P.

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( George Meridyth Peek )

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Florence March 5<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear Sis,

I received your letter last week announcing the misshap that had occured to Pa. I was so thankful that it did not kill him, and was getting well that I hardly evidence sorrow enough that it had happened at all. But I reckon it is "all for the best" and these accidents serve to prepair us for graves realities.

Since I last wrote I have changed my board house - Formelly, you know. I roomed in the College and ait at Prof. Rice; now I live with Dr. Stuart a very estimeable gentleman and a doctor of the highest qualites, standing and education. He met me on the street and invited me to come and live with him. Seemed to press it and I consented. He has a son only who is rather a way ward boy and - anything to throw enducement around him. His wife is a lady of beauty and excellence. One of the nicest ladies in Florence. I am well situated there and the Dr will not receive remuneration for his business.

The people here are in a perfect fever of excitement on account of the probability that of the towns being given over as unteneable ground by our forces. I really expect again to be on the "Netural ground". That being the case I reckon all will happen for my advancement in Military Affairs.

On yesterday I was introduced to a young man who left here a Lieutenant in the Army, nothing more than a strapling purny &c- and now a man in every respect. Before a sickly student now a real soldier - fat, large and healthy. And why should that not be my case if I should succeed in getting a fat office in a regiment from Florence? The chances of this, however, are very poor yet, when they brighten up I will write.

My lady friends have been treating me very kindly. A bouquet of the most exquisite Nature greated me when I arrived the other morning from one of my drilling tours. It came from the dimpled fingers of sweet Miss Mollie Ragland the lovelist girl in this town, a lady of much good sense and Vast reading, smart as a steel trap, Keen as a bria, and as bright as the morning star. They say in town that Miss Mollie Ragland is Prof. Peels sweetheart, but the people don't know Prof. Peek's sweetheart yet. And whats more I dont think he'll have one til the war is over any how. I find in Miss Ragland, though, some of the most instering qualities I ever saw in a young lady and by far the most instering lady in this town.

There are many things about her though which tend to separate us so far as sweetheart & wives &c- are conserned -

About the buttons If you have not sent my box and not bought the buttons, it is useless to send them (buttons) except some small ones about a gross or less. 14 Confederate buttons I want for my own coat, no velvet. 2 stars for the collar about 12 cts apeice.

My Hardees tactics if you have it. A book on camp duties will be acceptable— Love to all-

J. W. University March 100 1862 My dear Sis, I reckon you are tired of waiting for a letter from me by this Time. Well I have been so much engaged about other matters, and especially whom the subject of the execuation of Florence as we did Stampton, on abcount of the so near approach of the enemy, that I have felt little like writting. The state of affairs here is about this: The army under Gent. Johnston have allen back to Decature, a little village Troops are being concentrated all along on the other side of the siver evidently leaving this side for the mananding parties of the enemy when they shall advance on an lines, which they will be compelled to do as our General, however much brilliant ochievements on Northern soil have been diemed of, will never again advance upon the energy this side of the Vennessee, - at least for many months. and, perhaps, years. The eveny have

invaded Missippi from the Finnessee, to the distance of about 15 miles, but have just now retired, for caused sentirely unknown to us they are about 15000 strong: and to day we hear from a gentleman just from Savannah a little Itom about 30 miles down the kines that he counted one hundred and five transports there, besides gun boals. With those boats they have the power of Throwing fourty thousand men upon any point on the sime in one night, and now too the live is 10 feet ligher than it has been for many days- indeed it is higher now than it ever has been within the recommendion of some of the old men. The tremendences storm we have had for the last few days has even caused the river to overflow its banks. The shoals down the sure we the only protection we have against the advance of the gunbouts; but how you see the water is some 15 or 20 feet deep there where at low water in the dry season ressels of two feet draugh can't come over. Men I thinke is pretty, certain that we are left a pring to the evening; yor I an inclined to think and do predict but right here among the hills of

Soudadale country a great battle will be faught, for if Johnston want to draw the eveny buto mountain fashieres de and is retiring in Clabama, the hills about here, the very spurs of the Churcheland, are the very Clings for him. When the river is dry, you know, ( and it is always low in the summer) They eveny could not come upon his rear with their boats. I received a letter from bother This. to day in which he says he is acting. as Widj. General of Westains and expects to get a commission in Van Vou Carry as Quarter Muster, als. arth the rank of Cleptain. He also said that he had gove off to raise a deginent of volunteers but you rector Called out the milder and knocked his plant but a cocked hat He says that General Van Norn has ah army of 40000, and will be in the neighbour hood or production The glorious news from the week is the eveny tothe at New Madrid and al Boston Mountain are Cutotal

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( George Meridyth Peek ) # 15

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F. W. University March 12th 1862

My dear Sis.

I reckon you are tired of waiting for a letter from me by this time. Well I have been so much engaged about other matters, and especially upon the subject of the evacuation of Florence as we did Hampton, on account of the near approach of the enemy, that I have felt little like writting.

The state of affairs here is about this. The Army under Genl. Johnston have fallen back to Decatur, a little village on the South of the Tennessee river. Troops are being concentrated all along on the other side for the marauding parties of the enemy when they shall advance on our line, which they will be compelled to do as our Generals, however much brilliant achievements on Northern soil. have been dreamed of, will never again advance upon the enemy. this side of the Tennessee - at least for many months and, prehaps, years. The enemy have invaded Missippi from the Tennessee to the distance of about 15 miles, but have just now retired, for causes entirely unknown to us. They are about 15000 strong, and to day we hear from a gentleman just from Savannah a little town about 50 miles down the river that he counted one hundred and five transports there besides gun-boats. With these boats they have the power of throwing fourty thousand men upon any point on the river in one night, and now too the river 10 feet higher than it has been for many days-indeed it is higher now than it ever has been within the recollection of some of the old men. The tremendous storm we have had for the last few days has even caused the river to over flow it banks. The shoals down the river are the only protection we have against the advance of the gunboats, but now you see the water is some 15 or 20 feet draugh can't come over. Then I think is pretty certain that we are left a prey to the enemy. Yet I am inclined to think and to predict that night here along the hills of Saudodale County a great battle will be fought, for if Johnson wants to draw the enemy into Mountain fastnesses &C and is retiring into Alabama, the hills about here, the very spurs of the Cumberland, are the very things for him. When the river is dry, You know. (and it is always low in the summer) the enemy could not come upon upon his rear with their boats.

I received a letter from brother Tho. to day, in which he says he is acting a Adj. General of Arkansas, and expects to get a Commission in Van Dorn's Army as quarter Master, Ass. With the rank of Captain. He also said that he had gone off to raise a regiment of Volunteers but Gov. Rector called out the militia and knocked his plans into a cocked hat.

He says that General Van Dorn has a army of 40 000, and will be in the neighbour hood or posession of St Louis in a short time - The glorious news from the west is true I believe for the position of the enemy butte at New Madrid and at Boston Mountian are critical. They will either have to surrender or retreat with heavy loss and suffering. My prospects for the army to Ma's gratification, I reckon, are very poor at this time, as a draft being made about this country. And in 20 days after that is done the whole Militia will be called out.

The College is atmost gone, not more than 10 students remaining 8 only, indeed . But we have some 30 or 40 little boys that we teach just to keep things going. And my part in that Department is only to learn them military tactics and writing

I have no sweet heart yet, but am trying to find one of the right stamp. Miss Ragland is a nice any good young lady to whom you may send your kindest regards &c.

Your Aff. Bro Georgie

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( William Hope Peek )

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Moore Hospital Friday afternoon

Dear Pa -

I find there is no doubt about our falling back from here & that  $\underline{\text{too}}$  without a fight.

I may very probably be ordered to the field afterwards or about that time and if I am shall want a cot or camp bedstead of some kind. I shall write if I do - and would like you to pick me out a good one I shall also want a bed sack and more covering.

I shall of course write again if I should want them. All well -

Yours ec W. H. P.

Did you get the money?

Hd. Gos. Med. Lirectors Office Gordonaville, Virginia March 23d. 1862.

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II described Grongen M.H. Peck, Johl. S. is relieved from any upon the Courd of Examination at this place, and is assigned temporarily to the General Stropital at Orango & A. . The will report, without delay, to Surgery J. D. Taliaferro, 19. a.b. S. in charge Thereof, for auty.

(Signed) Gen: Formston.

(signed) Phos. H. Williams

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( William Hope Peek ) 1 pg inb

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Extract

Hd. Qrs. Med. Director's Office Gordonsville, Virginia March 23d 1862

Special Orders] No 155]

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II Assistant Sergeon W.H. Peek, P.A.C.S. Is relieved from duty upon the Board of Examanation at this place, and is assigned temporarily to the General Hospital at Orange C.H. He will report, without delay, to Surgeon H.D. Taliaferro, P.A.C.S. in charge there of, for duty.

By Command of ( signed )

Gen. Johnson. Thos. H. Williams Medical Director C.S.A. Orange C. H. March 26- at night.

Dear Eis-

Ufter a great deal of incombenience and some title suffering. have at last completely gotten well, and are now very ricely fixed. at present I am in a nice room all to may self, have a fire to go to bed by and dress by in The morning, and Then. The eating is very nice and well on cleanly cooked. The lady of the house is a very nice pretty wornan and her husbands a fine found good natured fellow. He carin join the army on account of therematien I found out the place by the muscet accident - When I came here thisther the Surgeon or assistant offered in the. least to arrist me in finding quarters, so after having lost my dinner I set out above and the first house I cance to was this - I asked for board, and was refund by The lady to her herband: They friedly agreed to take me, after asking if I could put up with a small room & other inconveniences

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( William Hope Peek )

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My duties here are not very pleasant however Dr. Tanner says 'tis not practising medicine but the commission & forwarding business I am engaged in. I think it is more like the Post Office business for we send patients to Gordonsville where like letters from a distributing office they are sent on to various destinations. All this getting them on the cars - procuring transportation, and making out lists of sick interfers very much with the care with those we keep in the Hospital for permant treatment. There are some very sick men among them too - When I came here there were two men in a dying condition - They are now among those that were - qui fuera.

This is a very pretty village and more plentifully supplied with churches than any place its size I ever saw. I has little over half people as Hampton did and yet has four very neat & spacious churches. There are too some quite pretty girls here

But the army being its immediately vicinity has spoiled nearly all its beauty. The streets have been so cut army waggons that the need has become intolerable as at Manassas.

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You have heard General Jackson's repell at Winchester. I hardly know wheter it has been best for him to fight with such a result or retreat without fighting at all. Genl. Johnson seems to determined shan't be whipped again - for he has ordered awhole Division of Sixteen regiments (Gen. D.R. Jones) to march his assistants - Some have orders to leave at night among them live Lieutenant of the Ky Regt. who took supper here. I know of nothing interesting.

Write soon Love to all Affectionatley W. H. P.

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## MISSING PAGE(S)

( George Meridyth Peek )

4 129 ink

(4 PAGES OF A LETTER OF GEORGE PEEK \_ WRITTEN FROM FLORENCE ALA. - WHEN OCCUPIED BY YANKEE SOLDIERS)

and little Jesse, on yourself are all in Richmond - and living comfortable - thuss will I think; til my dreamy sleep shall be broken, perhaps, by the announcement of unwelcome tidings. I often think of you when the day is gone, and twilight compells me to close my book, and the sound of the bell has not yet invitted us to supper - just then I think of the only sister I have in the world. I have not forgot you Sis, you may have thought I cared but little for you - But then I was with you and was satisfied. When I am asked "if I have a sister?" I tell them, yes. And the most careless observer must notice an anxiety in my countenence which I can not hide. I have become attached to several young ladies in this place; and, when the Yankees first came here. I was anxious for their safety. How much deeper, therefore, must have been my feelings when I would hear rumors after rumors that Richmond was being bombarded - they were fighting in the streets, ect - But I know I should not have contained myself; if I had beleived such rumors.

I am in fine spirts, Sis and would not have you to think I am either moody of disconsolated. I do not suffer bodily at all - I have a plenty. But, of course, in these times every one has more or less of mental suffering presents itself and gives me perhaps more mental agony than any thing else.

Shall I remain at home persuing the daily avocation of peace, when my country calls for Everyman that is able to go, between 18 & 35? And shall I stay when all are going? I am left nearly alone now. The companions that I have frequently written are all gone - But now, Sis I'm going to take that phulosophically too, and I dont know how it will comport with your patriotic spirt.

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(NO ENDING OF LETTER)

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per .. is plant polacoes. and a remining of other gorden wegatables, these comme - ments occur brown Richard & Bettie Marie & Kinch after they get through with there less ans. it will please you to hear that we have over therty young Chickings. already, ask Pig if she can hear that. Brother Richard is going weny soan 15 plant sweet pataloes. you Pa. wile he pleased to hear that he expects, to to make some our. by levery the land be lended on shore, hur all this dans make a mends for heing a way from Iramplen. Lue says she get hingary for Nompton. Tele ms, how you all beek a have pering back. De you ever write to dear Jarah. write To her my dear. They do not expect to leave There . I have we are ocallered all jain me in sending a rear deal of lane to know how glad we incall he to hear home

(Maria S. Peek) LETTER WRITTEN TO SISSY FROM COUSIN MARTHA.

4 pg ink

April 7th [1862]

Dearest Sis.

The letter which you wrote me soon after you went to Richmond was very highly appreciated, if so you may say, Why have you not answered it, ere, this, I both encuse, and condem my self for this, delingency but I can say with truth that I have loved you enough to have written very often and am satisfied that your feelings to me are the same. We have felt exceedingly anxious to hear from you all, ever since your dear Father had the fall from the bugga. Do write to us very soon, and let us know what you all think of the times, and where are you dear brothers at this time, and what-ere they doing, also your Uncle Jessie, is dear Molly with you. Tell me all about your dear Mother is she is well, and how she likes the Country at present, if she gets in to any of the evening prayer meetings, how often do you visit the city, please tell us also, all about your dear Aunt Pigon. We are inclined to think her as yet sanguine of our recp. we are very anxious to know what Jonnie will do. We feel that he is unplesantly circumstances relative to his business arraingments since the Militia has been called into the field. I have asked you a number of questions but not half as many as I would like to ask if I could see you. Tell me how your Cousin Mary Ann and Liz are, do you ever see Mr. Cooper or Mrs Meyers. You dont know how very glad we want to hear from any of our people, have you made many acqaintances, and be sure to tell us how many nice beaus, you have caught in and about the city, and how was the peninsula, We live at a very retired place, but a very nice neighbour hood it is, the people are kind and inteligent. Mr. Haskings, our nearest neighbor is a relative of Molly, they are all very kind. Mr Clark preaches for us occasionally, he enjoyes excelent health ask Liz. what she would give to see him, I have nearly filled up my letter with out telling you how we amuse our selves. We sometimes get a news paper. And you would have to see the eagerness with which it is read to judge its value. Allow me just to say that we were very much pacitified to see the compliments which were paid to Georgie. I hope that he excaped the Yankies when they invaded that place, now for the amusements. Patch and darn & darn & patch. Liz & I are employed most of the time at this, it suits my inralem nature quite well. We have quite a large garden, a good many flowers and room enough to sow peas, to plant patotoes and a variety of other garden vegatables there amusements, occury. brother Richard & Bettie Pattie & Riuthy after they get through with there lessons. It will please you to hear that we have over thirty young chickings. Already. ask Pig. if she can beat that. Brother Richard is going very soon to plant sweet patotoes. Your Pa will be pleased to hear that he expects too make some oats by letting the land be tended on shares, but all this dont make a mends for being a way from Hampton. Luc says she gets hungry for Hampton, tell us how you all feel about getting back. Did you ever write to dear Sarah, write to her my dear. They do not expect to leave there O, how we are scattered, all Join me in sending a great deal of love to you & every member of the family, you dont know how glad we would be to hear from you all, kiss all the children for me you affectionate Cousin

Martha

1/2 oclock, Pm, Aplga dissie, your very welcome letter of the 4th inst, came to hand last night, with those Sweet little violets, mare a d was happy to receive such a nice prisent, they shall be Chrished with Lacren regard as long as I live, he doubt you have heard of the state of affairs in, and around York before now, The enemy are ensumped within 1/2 miles of our en aurepnent constantly Throwing shot and Shell their Phirmishers are very impalent, some limes coming within a few hundred yards of our embankment.

Work Four, Wednesday 18/2

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Reinforcements are all

(LETTER OF DANIEL G. MORROW TO (SISSY) MARIA S. PEEK)

24 pg ins

York Town, Wednesday 1½ 0 clock PM Apl 9th 1862.

Sissie,

Your very welcome letter of the 4th imc. Came to hand last night, with those sweet little violets, indeed I was happy to receive such a nice present; they shall be cherished with sacred regards as long as I live, No dout you have heard of the State of affairs in and around York before now. The enemy are encamped within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of our encampment constantly throwing shot and shell. Their skirmishers are very impotent, some times coming within a few hundred yards of our embankment. We have been up nearly every night wince they made their appearance, fireing continues off and on, all through the night from both sides, with small arms occassionally with cannon, very little damage has been done on our side. The fleet which made its appearance is very small Consisting of Schooners and two or three Steamers. The mails are very irregular and very often none at all. I will write as often as I get a chance to send them, You will please write as often as convienient. My best love to Your Ma, Mis Pigeon and all the rest of the family, Good bye

Excuse this short letter.

Yours Afe DG. Morrow.

Reinforcements are all the time coming in.

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( William Hope Peek ) # 16B

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Orange C.H. April 15

Dear Sis

Just received your letter of the 9th. I am glad Bro Thos. is in Richmond and (missing) has an appointment. He certianly do intend to try to get down and I think I can get a furlough for 5 days. The Surgeon in charge is a good nice man & I think accommodate me. -

Our sick here has dwindled down to a several number & hence 2 of our assistants have been ordered away - I suppose down in the Penninsular

We have yet about 12000 men on this line - more then the Yankess have - and came twice to take a few prisoners occasionally - nearly all the other troops under Genl. Johnson have gone to the Penninsular. I think we will have (missing) great battle down there in about 2 or 3 weeks but not soon (missing) and there we will whip them.

I can't get any pay up here and wrote for 20\$ some days back but have not yet received it - if I get to Richmond however I can draw my pay and comsuatation there. All well except patients.

in haste W. H. P.

P. G. Amanda annotead in teaching in a female collegion this place and is very much liked. Warrenton, April 210t Dear Vifice I have been intending to write to you or your every week for the last two or three months, but have been so anxious and unselled that I have done nothing searcely, and my work has accumulated so that I have not had the time to write to any one exert Me Hope. I judged from a letter he received from you sometime ago that your alla more got a letter he unte immediately after your dear Aunto death; I intended writing to lett her the particulars knowing how anxious she would be to learn them, but the shildren were laken with the measles a few days after and that prevented me; she was taken the third of danuary extremely ill from the fin I sent for the Dimmediately he said unlife there was a change for the better she would not live through the day, we beligaaphed for

M- Hopse and as soon as he got here he said shock better than I expected, but it affected him he would write for your Ma but the De after he left us more beenly he looked welchedly gave so little hope of her living through each day for a month or how afterwards, he has not long that he gave up the idea, although she lived gotten over an attack of the mumps look cold ten days, her disease was preumonia in both and made him quite such. Jennie and little lungs the physician said it was a most violent channie are very fat and well now, Nannie case and more strongly resisted than any case walks all about and is much stronger than he ever saw, how days before her death the disease Jennie ever was, her eyes are dark grey or hazel took a turn and she was paralysed in one side she will be prettien than fennie, they have a and water accumulated on the brain those two fine large yard to play in and plenty of nice days she was totally unemocrous, did not speak or milk. Our physician is a man of considerable know any one it was very distrefning, she was seputation very kind to us, has taken a great like anxious to die her sufferings were so great she ing to M Hope, the only objection is that he spoke very affectionally of your and defrie during never has had any children and is not at all her sukness; everybody was very allenhove and kind fond of them, and I am apaid of houbling him pasticularly a young lady staying in the house, when mine are sick as he can't understand my neice of the yealleman with whom we are box arriety, I told him one day I wished he had roling, she searcely left her, was as attentive as if four or five, he said it was a smel wish. she had been her own daughter, but I did mif Tell Jefrie I hope to be near enough to him to your good kind Mother so much for I was in trouble him again, if I am to have sukness in bed with a had one threat and fives and Julia iny family, I used to mis him last summer confined, Il " Transoke Jones was very kind stayed when Jennie was so suche. I have evied so much day and night with her. It Hope bue the first since this was began that I wander I am not

blind, and not withstanding I have been through so much anxiety, fatigue land still nurse the laby a great deal, I am in very good health and looking very well. This place seems to agree with me very well, I like it aromuch as I would any place away from home, there are some things that I remind me of dear old Hampston. I think your Ma would like it. The family with whom we are boarding in very kind and heally seem attached to me, I go dout very little, could have made a large number of bequentatives but I did not feel like visiting, almost every body in town called to see us when five first came and I did not seturn the visits until the week before Christmes Mes His and addington one boarding in this house but will go back to Phechmand after the ballle on the Pin victory they send their love and say you must write and tell them all the particulater of your family. I feel as annous about the battle that it namely last still long enough to write. I heard a sermon yes terday from a Bresty trian minister boarding with us, on the providences of God which was very constroting these times. all the Minter of was poping that in the Oping I should be able to pay a visit to Minele Town Lowery's family in Petersting, and from there to Brick mond to see you all but I led to give it all up everything is so unsettled, and then Julie has a young baby about three months old and I would not day that about with me, she has not imp roved at all as lagy as ever I kept her thinking Nannie rinight require a wet nurse this summer when she was getting her teeth, but she has easy without any trouble and I do not intend to let Julia nume her unless. she get very sich she is getting along very well with me and the little. I am really apaid diple you will not be after to read this, (you should feel shighted) but fast part of the time I have been thinking that I was writing to you Ma. Give my love to every minutes of the family without one cheepliton and plether write soon, if I can't see you all do let me hear from you. Affectionality your cousin Annie

P.S. Amanda Armstead is teaching in a female college in this place and is very much liked.

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Warrenton, April 21st [196]?

Dear Sisie

I have been intending to write you or your Ma every week for the last two or three months, but have been so anxious and unsettled that I have done nothing scarcely, and my work has accumulated so that I have not had the time to write to any one except Mr. Hope. I judged from a letter he received from you sometime ago that your Ma never got a letter he wrote immediately after your Aunts death; I intended writing to tell her the particulars knowing how anxious she would be to learn them, but the children were taken with the measles a few days after and that prevented me; she was taken the third of January extremely ill from the first. I sent for the D' immediately he said unless there was a change for the better she would not live through the day, we telegraphed for Mr. Hope and as soon as he got here he said he would write for your Ma but the Dr gave so little hope of her living through each day that he gave up the idea, although she lived ten days, her disease was pneumonia in both lungs the physician said it was a most violent case, and more strongly resisted than any case he ever saw, two days before her death the disease took a turn and she was paralysed in one side and water accumlated on the brain those two days she was totally unconseious, did not speak or know any one it was very distresing, she was anxious to die her sufferings were so great she spoke very affectionately of your Ma and Jesie during her sickness; everybody was very attentive and kind particularly a young lady staying in the house, niece of the gentleman with whom we are boarding, she scarcely left her, was attentive as if she had been her own daughter, but I did miss your good kind mother so much for I was in bed with a bad sore throat and fever and Julia confined, Mrs Pembrook Jones was very kind and stayed day and night with her Mr Hope bore the first shock better than I expected, but it affected him after he left us more keenly he looked wretchedly for a month or two afterwards, he has not long gotten over an attack of the mumps took cold and made him quite sick. Jennie an little Nannie are very fat and well now, Nannie walks all about and is much stronger than Jennie ever was, her eyes are dark grey or hazel she will be prettier than Jennie, they have a fine large yard to play in and plenty of nice milk. Our physician is a man of considerable reputation very kind to us has taken a great liking to Mr Hope, the only objection is that he never had any children and is not at all fond of them, and I am afraid of troubling him, when mine are sick as he cant understand my anxiety, I told him one day I wished he had four or five, he said it was a cruel wish.

Tell Jessie I hope to be near enough to him to trouble him again, if I am to have sickness in my family, I used to miss him last summer when Jennie was so sick, I have cried so much since this war began that I wonder I am not blind, and not withstanding I have been through so much anxiety, fatigue and still nurse the baby a great deal, I am in very good health and looking very well. This place seems to agree with me very well, I like it so much as I could any place away from home, these are somethings that remind me of dear old Hampton. I think your Ma would like it. The family with whom we are boarding are very kind and really seem attached to me, I go out very little, could have made a large number of acquaintances

but did not feel like visiting, almost everybody in town called to see us. when we first came and I did not return the visits until the week before Christmas. Mrs His and Addington are boarding in this house but will go back to Richmond after the battle on the Peninsular if we gain the victory, they send their love and say you must write and tell them all the particulars of your family.

I feel so anxious about the battle that I rarely sit still long enough to write. I heard a sermon yesterday from a Prespyterian minister boarding with us, on the providence of God which was very comforting these times. All the winter I was hoping that in the Spring I should be able to pay a visit to Uncle Tom Loweys family in Petersburg and from there to Richmond to see you all, but had to give it all up everything is so unsetteld, and then Julia has a young baby about three months old and I would not drag that about with me she has not improved at all as lazy as ever. I kept her thinking Nannie might require a wet nurse this summer when she was getting her teeth, but she has three without any trouble and I do not intend to let Julia nurse her unless she gets very sick she is getting along very well with me and the bottle. I am really afraid Sisie you will not be able to read this (you must feel slighted) but best part of the time I have been thinking that I was writing to your Ma. Give my love to every member of the family without one exception and please write soon, if I cant see you all, do let me hear from you.

Affectionately your cousin Annie

e it is the him ALS. April 23. · When I reached here today I received orders to join the 2. Va Qualry! which left here this morning to seinforer Jackson. Lackson is get in the valley and rich freements are crowding over to him -I got a government here - rather sorry one - and bought a saddle to bridle for 28 %. If mer Herrecovithe seeds my bill to gon pay it as he directs-You may receive an account for my commutation for quarties o fuel- if as collect it - in the office where Ben west Staps. Sere tall - he harle with

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( William Hope Peek )

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Gordonsville April 23

Dear Pa

When I reached here today I received orders to join the 2n Va. Cavalry !! which left here this morning to reinforce Jackson.

Jackson is yet in the valley and reinforcements are crowding over to him -

I got a government horse - rather sorry one - and bought a saddle & bridle for 28\$.

If Mr. Houseworth deeds my bill to you pay it as he directs -

You may receive an account for my commutation of quarters & fuel if so collect it - in the office where Bess West stays.

> Love to all - In haste W. H. P.

## Camp 2º. Va Cavaly orange Co.

Den Ma

I has my fint sy penerse last right - slight out in the ground rather cold- quite well today Have no tento - showing & Facing - made a shelter twas covering it with show - it broke down - caught afine te was invited into another Shelter - start there awhile -Found an old college make a limbinant - am now in his shelter + will remain with him a short while-The Colonel is rather a queer man - ain exprais I won't Set along with him - hope to do so a shall try to do it-Don't mind brownaching much-Have no idea of what movement Lackson is about 18 miles off-on the other side of the Blue Rigo - Sove to all( William Hope Peek )

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Camp 2n Va. Cavalry Orange Co.

Dear Ma

I had my first experience last night - slept out on ground rather cold - quite well today Have no tents - snowing & raining - made a shelter & was covering it with straw - it broke down - caught afire & ec- was invited into another shelter - stayed there awhile - Found an old college mate lieutenant am now in his shelter & will remain with him a short while - The Colonel is rather a green man - am affraid I won't get along with him - hope to do so & shall try to do it - Don't mind bivwacking much - Have no idea what movement the troops are going to make - Jackson is about 18 miles off on the outer side of the Blue Ridge - Love to all -

> Yours Willie

The Yankers have retreated from this quales and those is no longer any danger. I will write soon and give you a full account House Cla. Atties raid A 30. April 25 1/862 My dear sis, I am no in brisone Lincolnidore; but not a prisonce. That division of the army from Nashville that muched on Shouteville, aga, has entirely cut us off. They have come is for as Tuscine bia and confielled our forces to burn the beidge over the Tennessee at this front, which has relieved in from great in -Convenience, as it prevents the enemy from cracking in any force capable of doing bearn; Int effectually cut us off from The rest of the world. The only way I can get a letter to you now is by leant to County & There to Richmond; and The unnerel.

inconveniences and dangers of. the journey are so great that very few will undertake it. House I have not feen able to wrete for a ling lime I am very well at present and in good spirit, al-Though surcounded by the enemy. The have been visited mes several lines by growth of yankers, but they were officers on special business every time. The have disturbed no ne na made any accest at all - the sepseinist learning left before the bridge was burnt - I mean all the provinced public men. to far as I am concerned I have had fear that they would take me if they found me out, I aching under this apprehension I have packed up a carfut bag with a few clatter, and will sur on the slightest intimation. I can easily get to Count at

any time I chose to start Kut sol for as my safely is concerned You need have no apprehension at all; for I am deing as well as ever, always troping a look not; and really don't think they will usit this Rede any more frehe what we have heard to day. They pay that several regiments our Treels are within two hours March of the meny at Suscembia, and that the latter are sending all Their Octobery towards Stunts -- ville in peheat. Price the siver is rather low, and it is very difficult 6 procure supplies overland, the enemy have been pressing ale the faem they can find without fragment, which will cause them to lettert, and This cucumstance will also prevent them from crossing the piver hore since their boats cannot come to their aid. I mean the fall in the river has accappended

Them in their auticipation cooper-- whine with their army before County Cut off there Ruphlice by the pince and confulled them to fall back and the fact of their not being able to cross the sion here will free Of lounce from their inreads. I am no at Mes Recei where mis Mollie Ragland is boarding. Mr Rice has requested me to stay here while luc huxband is in Memphis there being no gentlemann the lot- and trus mollie has andly offered me her frem but and fraper to circle as this puchaps may be the last opportunity. for some time. She souds her kinder regards to you, and was much pleased To receive the little bouquet you Sent. He can't get any news here weight what the Vanker report, and these reports have not the slightest effect on me- We have that Worktown has fallen and bo Thousand prisoners are laten, that No folk is in the hands gike billing, and even, that Recliment is takin and some of the officer of goo

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. ( George Meridyth Peek ) # 16 Gpg 2 nd

The Yankees have retreated from this quarter and there is no longer any danger. I will write soon and give you a full account of the raid. A  $30^{th}$ .

My dear Sis

Florence Ala. April 25, 1862

I am now in Lincolndom, but not a prisioner. That division of the army from Nashville that marched on Huntsyille, Ala. has entirely cut us off. They have come as far as Tuscombia and compelled our forces to burn the bridge over the Tennessee at this point, which has relieved us from great inconvenience, as it prevented the enemy from crossing in any force capable of doing harm, but effectually cut us off from the rest of the world. The only way I can get a letter now is by hand to Corinth & thence to Richmond, and the inconveniences and danger of the journey are so great that very few will undertake it. Hence I have not been able to write for a long time. I am very well at present and in good spirits, although surrounded by the enemy.

We have been visited several times by groups of Yankees, but they were officers on special business every time. They have disturbed no one nor made any arrest at all- the secessionist having left before the bridge was burnt - I mean all the prominent public men.

So far as I am concerned I have had fear that they would take me if they found me out, & acting under this apprehension, I have packed up a carpet bag with a few clothes, and will run on the slightest intimation. I can easly get to Corinth at any time I chose to start. But so far as my safety is concerned. You need have no apprehension at all, for I am doing as well as ever, always keeping a look out, and really don't think they will visit this side any more from what we have heard to day. They say that several regiments of our Troops are within two hours march of the Enemy at Tuscumbia, and that the later are sending all their artillery towards Huntsville in retreat. Since the river is rather low, and it is very difficult to procure supplies overland, the enemy have been pressing all the bacon they can find without payment, which will cause them to retreat, and this circumstance will also prevent them from crossing the river here, since their boats, can not come to their aid. I mean the fall in the river has disappointed them in their anticipated cooperation with their army before Corinth. Cut off there supplies by the river and compelled them to fall back - And the fact of there not being able to cross the river here will free Florence from their inroads.

I am now at Mrs Rice where Miss Mollie Ragland is boarding. Mrs Rice has requested me to stay here while her husband is in Memphis there being no gentleman on the lot - and Miss Mollie has kindly offered me her pen & ink and paper to write as this prehaps may be the last opportunity for some time. She sends her kindest regards to you, and was much pleased to receive the little bouquet you sent. We can't get any news here except what the Yankees report, and these reports, have not the slightest effect on me. - We hear that Yorktown has fallen and 10 thousand prisoners are taken, that Norfolk is in the hands of the enemy, and even, that Richmond is taken and some of the officers of government. All these reports we beleive to be base frabrications circulated to depress and dishearten the southern men in North Ala. and Tennessee.

They do not have their desired effect, for we are all accquainted with the natural disposition of Yankees. I cannot but tell you again, as I cannot perhaps get another letter to you for some time, to have no fear concerning my safety. I will assure you that I will not be taken by the Yankees even if they should desire to capture me. There are hills & caves and hollows enough in this country to hide in for months. But that will not be my object - as I have said, but to go to Corinth. Which I can do without any danger at all except from crossing the river while a gunboat may be near, is highly improbable that I shall do. After I cross the river I will have to walk 12 miles through a friendly country infested by Cavalry. From Corinth the railroad will take me anywhere.

The last letter I received from you, you sent the violets. I have never had an oppornity to reply to it. I have received every thing you sent me upto that time.

I have plenty of money to take care of me, or cary me any where in the Confederacy.

We know nothing of the battle of Yorktown or Norfolk or any other battle in Va. if one has been fought. I only suppose they have fought at Yorktown and been cut to peices.

Hoping you are all well I sen send much love and and.

Your Aff. Bro. G. M. Peek Edus Dechmond april 26. 1562.

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 (letter to George Peek from Sissy - Maria S. Peek)

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Saturday

Richmond April 26, 1862.

My dear Brother;

We have not heard from you for so long a time that our anxiety has risen to quite a high pitch now. We know that the Yankees had possession of Huntsville some time ago and thought they had control of all Alabama north of the Tennessee river and therefore all communication cut of from Florence. I hope by this time a better state of affairs is existing and I write a few lines. Bro. Thomas paid us a visit a short time ago, remained over a week; came on business; quartermaster for Gen Vandorn. Bro. Willie left us, after having paid us visit of a few days, last Wednesday.

He said he was most delightfully situated at Orange C.H., boarding in a nice private family, but was afraid he would have to leave these quarters as the army had been concerated at Gordonsville to opperate against Fredericks-burg. He was anxious to get on the Peninsular so that he could attend to bros. Eddie & Johnnie if anything should happen to them. Poor bro. Eddie has been sick, Bro. Johnnie sent him to Richmond, and we could hear nothing from him for a fortnight, when we received a letter stating that he had been at Biglows in the dirtiest hospital he ever saw, and they would not let him come to Richmond to be nursed by his friends, or leave the hospital, until he said he wanted to go to camp, where he was going the next day.

We received also a letter from Jennie. Her Ma was at Mr. Davis' farm, the generals' headquarters, where she went to carry Billie some cloths he having lost all of his.

They have had no regular battle at Yorktown yet, and <u>our</u> friends are still untouched, we frequently get letters from them.

The people in Williamsburg have been terrible frightened many of them have fled to a safe place. Among the families, are - Mr. Hams, Dr. Cam's (?) Booker's and relations to petersburg. Capt. Smith's whole family, Old Mr. John Armistead and lady, Mrs. Fie Jennings, Mrs Kitten (Howard) Armistead are son Church Hill. We go over there sometimes to see them, in our carriage! I reckon you have not heard of young John Armistead's death. He died in Williamsburg quite suddenly with a chill. He leaves many distressed friends to go after him. We hear that the Yankees have committed many depredations on the Peninsular, being short of provisions, have deprived the poor people of theirs. Mr. Simpson had to run with his children and leave everything behind even his money. Mr. Chandlier, (who was Johnnies partiner) remained behind and said he would do the best he could with the stock. We heard though a Yankee letter in the newspaper that Mr. Chandlier charged \$1.25 per lb for coffee. and that he met them, and said he was a union man. Well that was what he was compelled to do, to be protected.

We received a letter from Cousin Richard a few days ago. He was very comfortably situated in Surry County with pleasant neighbors: Said his preacher was "Hal Aundred" (Mr. Clark) also spoke of having Mr. McGee

(to George from Sissy)

to visit him. Have you heard of the death of Sr. McGuiggin. He died at one of the farmers on James River.

We are all in a flourishing condition, the flowers & fruit - blooming beautifully, which we hoped to enjoy, if the cold weather doesn't kill it. We will see you in vacation I suppose? Ma wants to know if Dr. Suart is a Methodist. Write often.

Affectionately, Sis

Your Ma wishes you to write every day, when does your school close

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Camp near Stanardsville Green Co. Va. April 29

Dear Ma

Here I am in the tented feild I was going to say but that would not be strictly correct - for we have no tents and are camped is not a feild nor do we have the disadvantages our men would say, of having to sleep in canvas tents -

When I got to Gordonsville I received my orders from Dr. Williams to join this regiment - which as I expected was a punishment for my going down to Richmond tho' I had full permission to do so - for he intended to send me with Dr. Taliaferro to Farmville where he has opened a hospital. You know I have no horse, saddle or bridle and was pretty badley fixed. however there was an assistant Surgeon there who had a government horse in his possesion, and as he was going to a hospital I prevailed on him to turn the horse over to me and sell the saddle ec for which I paid 28\$. My next trouble was to provide for my valise & then find my regiment which had already left for Gordonsville. Finding no wagons there belonging to our regiment I left it in charge of the wagon - master of the 48th Va. of Jackson's army as every body said our regiment was going on to him. On the road I found out our regiment was not going on to Jackson at once and I wrote back to a friend of mine at Gordonsville to get my valise from that man and keep it in the Hospital. If he got that note and then got my valise I shall certianly get it again at some time or other.

I rode on that afternoon and soon came upon my regiment which was incamped in a piece of woods about 6 or 7 miles from Gordonsville & the same from Orange C.H. The colonel introduced me to 2 or 3 officers & that was all he should have invited me to sup with him and sleep in his tent that night. But these officers here are queer about messing - The staff all mess I believe, singly by themselves - and the officers generally mess with privates - I wish I could have gotten (missing).

Where every thing was done properly I soon forsee the acting Sergeon & he invited me to his company where I slept my first night on the ground. Raking up some leaves and spreading my carpet taking my overcoat for a pillow & covering up with my blankets. I felt quite cold and woke up during the night several times - The next morning it began to snow soon a blanket (CACASED, UNABLE TO READ) off with his servant to the wagon camp some distance away, but the servant had begun to make a sort of cow shelter of fence rails. I under took to finish it as the others were doing by covering it with straw which I got from a neighboring field. but while doing so it broke down (snowing very hard) and nearly caught my head under it. Some privates near by invited me under their shelter and there I remained about an hour. Luientinant Halsey of Lynchburg came to get me to see his brother who was sick - He & I were at the University together and after I got his brother off to the Hospital he insisted I should remain with him. He had two brothers - and a nice shelter. oil cloth & a negro man to wait on them. The well brother went with the sick one leaving Luiet. with me. I shot the remainder of that day and night very well - The next day the Luiet. went away & took the man with him & his brother returned. He & I've remained together - his name was Stephen tho' I was nominally missing with Dr. Davis. As we lost our cook Steve and I

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had to get supper ourselves. I made the bread & he did the meat & coffee. The bread was pronounced the very best in the whole camp, and as good as any body need have - Thus we got along a day or so longer when Saturday night orders came for us to march at day break the next morning.

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When we reached our camp on the other side it was still raining — but fires were soon made and after drying my overcoat wh— alone of my cloths was wet — I spread my piece of carpet & saddle blanket on the ground & covering with my wet blanket slept soundly till morning — waking once.

That ought to be enough to give one the pneumonia but I awoke in the morning much refreshed and not at all sick.

I have been thro' the very worst places of camp life - couldn't have had much worse weather or fured worse as to eating, yet I don't dislike it so much -

Yesterday I was ordered to our wagon camp near this place to examine some sick we have there and make some disposition on them - this afternoon I shall go there & start out on my return to my regiment, 37 miles distant tomorrow.

I left there about one o'clock got to Stanardsville on this side the mountains about sunset ( 17 miles ) and at once made for the house of my friend Mrs Diggs of whom I have before spoken where I was hospitably entertained till this morning where I left for this place ( 20 miles ) -

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Florence Ala. May 3rd 1862

My dear Sis,

I will make another attemp to let you hear from me, although the difficulties in the way are so great that I little expect to succeed. It is necessary, as I told you in a former letter, that some friend take my letter to Corinth before it can reach the office, and for several days with long intervals of intermission, we have heard cannonading in that direction, and on last evening it was so heavy and continuous that I am confident a considerable battle was seging there. And then we have neard so many conflecting reports of battles in Virginia, that even Richmond for aught I know may be cut off from mail communication. But amoung the rumors I have heard from the East the news of the battle of Yorktown seems to be so well authenticated that I am induced to believe a considerable victory has been gained at that quarter. Generals Lee and Johnston are both killed and our lost is great, but the ememy are reported to have lost in killed wounded and missen prisoners &c- about 50000 men with Gen McClelland a prisoner. It seems to me I had rather the affair had not transpired than that Lee and Johnston should have been killed. They were without doubt out greatest generals, and while we had them the North stood in fear of there Military skill and knowledge, but now they are lost we have but Beauregard and Price to cleate panics in the ranks of Abe.

I feel very anxious to hear from you now, since I suppose brothers Jonnie and Eddie were in the battle and Billie Stores too -- Oh! he cannot be killed. I hope not for his mothers sake. All may be killed I am in some suspense to know, Although I am prepaired for any thing. I used to associate an awfulness and horror with the death of a soldier on the battlefield, which, certainly, would have for ever prevented my from becoming a warrior. But, now, I have no feeling of the kind. It is associated with duty, honor and an exalted patriotism. I cannot feel sorry for thoes who fall in this Contest. I can only feel sad, and honor and serve their memories. War is the lest evil We can resort to ( and there is nothing good in reach). Battle is the only alternative, and it has no terrors to me, for the terror is absorbed in duty, love of country and the happy condition we shall be in if successful with the depraved and debased conditions of society if we fail.

My own people have now had an opportunity to repay with bullets and blood and death the enemy have perpetrated in there cowardly and barbarous manner, and most nobly did there do their duty. How much more delighted am I, therefore, at so brilliant a victory, although our loss is grievous! And what if our friends exposed their persons and are killed? did they not manfully and heroically interpose themselves between their families, their parents, the liberties of their country and destruction? We weep for their loss, but it could not be otherwise.

Death is sweeter than slavery.

I feel sometimes that I am some what isolated here, cut off from every where & even deprived of the friends I had recently gained. Who have run away from the Yankees.

Do not think for a moment, however, that I am discontented. Laying aside the fact that I am not in the army, I am perfectly well satisfied here, and

always prepared for the worst.

We hear to day that the Conscription law has passed Congress. I would state for your comfort, so far as it concerns me, that while I am a professor in this institution I am exempt by the laws of the state of Alabama, and before my time is out here I shall endeavor to secure an easy place in the army so that I will not come under the Conscription.

I wish I could only see the bill, that I might understand its nature &C, so that I could make my efforts accordingly.

For a considerable time, as I have told you in a previous letter, we have been menaced by a Yankee force under Genl. Mitchel. It was reported that his column numbered 35,000 men at one time, but rumor finally reduced it to 6000, and fact finally settled the number of men at Tuscumbia at about 2000. It was a daring move in that General to penetrate so far with so few men. 'Tis true he had troops scattered all along the road to Nashville, but by that his column became so reduced that it might have fallen an easy pray to an inconsiderable force. Hence it was a great point with that leader to conceal the number of his troops as much as possible, and this he succeeded admerably in doing. He sent a party of officers ungarded. and almost without arms to represent the force and intention of the enemy. The town of Course was to be occupied by numerous regiments, privates, proptery was to be respected and public men should not be harmed, thus overaury the people by the presence of a large force, and, at the same time passifying them by expressions of leniency. They permitted no person, man or child, to depart from this Camp after once entering it. On the other side of the river their policy seemed to be directly the opposite. The soldiers seemed to have a general license to wander and proul about the country and to pillage every thing they could find. The barbarties and ruthlessness of these men, whom their general acknowledged came from the prisons of Chicago and the cities of Illinois, will forever be remembered. by the people of North Alabama.

More troops were reported coming in every day to reinforce, and the bold avowed intention of the Commander was to flank the troops at Corinth. There the people were over awed and wofully chastized by an enemy, which the Militia with the aid of one cavalry regiment might have driven back. This raid in the state of Alabama has been characterized by the most lawless and inhumane acts ever inflicted upon a civilized community by a regular armed force. A general license seemed to be granted them to pillage, plunder and destroy, as no satisfaction could be obtained from the Commander for the conduct of his men. The houses of peaceable citizens were entered and before their eyes pillaged and rifled. They gave vent to the meanest and most barbarous passions of wicked men banded togeather for robbery and works of destruction. To give some examples of their actions I will narrate a few facts.

A band of these men entered Dr. Houstons house, broke open his doors, stove in his side-board, destroyed his china ware, cut in shreads his bressels carpet, and the clothes of his family, smashed his glosses and carried off every particle of silver ware, broke open his daughters piano and stomped it to peices, in a word, committed a whole sale work of destruction, and that in the presence of his family. In narrating this one instance I narrate a dozen-

From one young lady of my acquaintance who was a Visitor there, they took forceably all her money and jewelry, even the ring and pictured of her lover,

who is in the Confederate Army. This young lady is said to have saved the life of a sick soldier who could hardly move in his bed. When one of these bararious fanatics had his gun leveled at him, the young lady not in a manner like Pocahuntas saved Smith, but in a more heroic and daring style he nocked up his gun and reproached him with being an infamous Coward, to shoot a sick and helpless man.

But not only did these men steal and destroy, but they incited the negroes to insurection, and I beleive at the instigation of their commander. Many negroes were seen dress in uniform and heard to say that they belonged to such and such a regiment of Illinois Vol. and this though was not confined to the soldiers alone. Their Commander, on the plea of being short of provessions, robbed the town of Tuscumbia of nearly all its meat without any compensation what ever. But these men were infamous Cowards. One single resolete man with an ax in hand held at bay a half doz. with muskets, declaring that he would not be taken- alive and daring them to advance within reach of his weapon. I might relate many other things concerning this abominable raid on this state but I have become tired and must wind up. As soon you can get any letter to me please write - I am anxious to hear from home, on account of the recent events that have transpired in my dear old state.

I have unpacked my Valise which I had prepaired for running - and some of that I entended to do, certanly. For as I value liberty more than life, like the man with the ax I shall not be taken alive, if I have any thing with which to fight - Give my love to Peggie, Aunt Mollie and all -

There now! I have written  $\underline{\text{Mollie}}$  again. Well tell Ma that Miss Mollie is trying to make a good boy of  $\overline{\text{her}}$ 

Georgie

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When approaching one house they shot a negro girl who was hastening to acquaint her mistress of their coming, but where ever dastard and humileating fear did not rule the people and resistance was made or even threatoned these cowardly villians sculked off. They are suffering heavily now, being harrassed in their retreat by our cavalry. Four negroes have been hung on the other side for joining the Yankees. Its is said while two of our Cavalry were passing a widow lady's house she ran out and stopped them asked of what party they belonged on being told they were Southern troops she begged them to come in to her house that a negro man was there looking for her husband to kill him saying that he was a free man and intended to rule that house. The cavalry soldiers went in and brought the man out with a rope around his neck and swinging him up to a tree in the yard and rode on. The negroes were excited and persuaded to take up arms in this disgraceful raid.

Rockingham Co Va
May 10 1862.

Dear Ma.

I decplose every times I have a good opportunity for writing you wish me to avail myself of it-and as this is one I will corresply with your desire. The day after my return from Gordensville where I wrote my tack letter to your, we Started out or one it. The hardest sert of marches - going down the valley towards Winchester 10 or 15 miles and There crossing The mountain in The night along a bridle path and over a more had of rocks - while The weather was real wintry - The wind blowing as cold as in February and all of us shevering the wordstine blankets to overcoats. Lust before day we halted in in a fiellow so that our camp fires could not be seen and slept on the ground an hour or so-resuming our march about survive down The other side of the mountain, we stopped at a small

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( William Hope Peek ) 3 /2 pg inh

Dear Ma

Cavalry Camp, Elk Run Rockingham Co Va May 10, 1862.

I suppose every time I have a good opportunity for writing you wish me to avail myself of it - and as this is one I will comply with your desire. The day after my return from Gordonsville where I wrote my last letter to you, we started out on one of the hardest sort of marches - going down the valley toward Winchester 10 or 15 miles and then crossing the mountain in the night along a bridle path and over a mere bed of rocks - while the weather was real wintry - the wind blowing as cold as in February and all of us shivering tho' wrapt in blankets & in a hollow - so that our camp fires could not be seen and slept on the ground an hour or so - resuming our march about sunrise down the other side of the mountain. We stopped at a small ??? seven miles above the town of Madison C H. where we were taken care of by the people of the neighberhood for two or three days - We left that place one morning about daybreak and had the nicest sort of a breakfast served out to us by the good ladies of Madison C.H., who seemed to be very much please with the appearance of our regiment, tho' there were 3 or 4 companies on detached service.

After breakfast we continued our march toward Stanardsville and crossed our now well known mountain over the turnpike and reached our present camp thur making a complete circut crossing the Blue Ridge twice in one march, making five times I have crossed it. We did not see a Yankee on the whole march, but expect to have a brush war if we had one my hands would have been full, as I was alone and unassited by any medical officer.

We have heard of the scene of Battles above Wmsburg but not the final result - I am exceedingly anxious to hear of the Hamptonians and specially Brothers Johnny & Eddie and Uncle George. I hope Sis will write at once if the Yanks don't succeed and get to Richmond.

We have heard today of a complete victory gained by General Jackson over General Milroy west of this place - We have not learned the particulars.

My health continues good and appitite strong. Yesterday I bought two hens 75 cts for the pair - ate one for dinner & supper yesterday and now have three good eggs from them. Who can beet that ?

> Love to all Afficty Willie -

Direct -Wm H. Peek Assist. Surgn. 2n Va. Cavalry Ewell's Division Stanardsville Green Co. Va.

(William Hope Peek) # 20 pg 2

I open this merely to state that I received a letter from Sis dated May 5 it came to me while I was sitting in my tent with a frying pan of bacon before tended as a cake of bread beside, eating my supper while my Irish servant sat with elbows on keens looking at me.

I was very glad to hear from home, but sorry to know you all are very much excited. I have better news of our fighting since the fall back from York and then Richmond may be saved Let us hope on -

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chester on Sunday morning the ball ofsened about 2 It's iclock and by b/2 the whole place hatterns and all - stone forces included - which were charged by our men - word captures - and our men marching the The Sheeter lined with Similar Going ladies bearing waitin & plates loaded with represenceds. It was a complete surprice to the array the citizens of the town - no me had any idea of Inchount approach tell he was hora in There , like an avalanche mest though in I days the whole valley has been cleared and not a single yanker - saw procued Unaires This side The Potomac. Chure we will go, or what we will do now lemains to be seen - loc can't lele. I have been sam well - Some to all Willen

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Dear Ma,

Martinsburg Va. May 26 [/862]

See how near Maryland we are - here gallantly our army has cleaned the valley of Yankees. Oh, we have completely swept them out - Jackson was everywhere - untiring and energetic - the men cheered him with the greatest enthusiaism and called back the tide of invasion like an avalanche

We have taken about 1500 prisoners and any quanity of everything — among them breast plates —

I write this very hastily in a very kind and most excellent lady's home - There are a great many union people here.

Banks went thro' Winchester & this place in a perfect route - our cavalry pursuing & our artillery playing on his flying army - the 2n bore a prominent part - and heard the balls whistle around my head. We had two fights one at Fort Royal - where our 1st Maryland Completely innilulated the Yankee 1st Maryland. We killed wounded & captured the entire regiment. At Winchester on Sunday morning the ball opened about 4 1/2 o'clock and by 6 1/2 the whole place battries and all stone fences included which were charged by our men - were captured - and our men marching thro' the streets lined with smiling young ladies bearing waiters & plates loaded with refreshments. It was a complete suprise to the army & the citizens of the town - No one had any idea of Jackson's approach till he was down on them like an avalance.

Just think in 3 days the whole valley has been cleared and not a single Yankee - save prisoners remains this side the Potomac.

Where we will go, or what we will do now remains to be seen - we can't tell.

I have been & am well - Love to all Willie

Direct your letters to Gordonsville Va. 2n Va. Cavalry

## #4720 PEEK FAMILY PAPERS

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Camp near Hanisonburg Va

Dear Ma.

Lince I wrote tast from Browns Tap soon after our two days fight with the arrives of Fremont and Shirlds the Yankers have retreated down the main valley about " 50 miles, while our cavalry brigade followed there up and is now camped here. Throughout this whole camps aign beweral Luchsan has shown himself to be one of our first generals not only in fighting greatelies, but in the possession of as much knowledge of Strategy as my other. When he was at tractiviting loinchester & Charlestown, way down about to the very banks of the Polomac, he receives news that Front Royal on our right flant had been captured by Shields and that Fine out was forcing his way towards Strawburg to as to com. pletely home him in But old duck was too Smark a fox for such men as they - the Shield . is considered one of the best of the Federal Jenerals. we unmedeality began one retreat sending the prisoners and cuptured property ahead, but always Keeping thew close to the ename body of the army the cavalry & one battery being witherear.

Between winchester and Strasburg we lost about one or two hundred stragglers and burned 45wagons we had captioned for want of leaves to have them away - at Strasburg we came whom Fremont for the first time - loc drove back his advance Early in The morning and wanted all day for him to attack us but he neglected to dose and we marched on our retreat towards woodstock which we reached in about 12 hours. Just after we left Strasburg while exarching along the road at night they made a dach at our near and three our cavalry in rether confusion; some of them behave most shamefully. The whole thing was owing to the careles need feel see Strait who recommanded the carrely for he had ported no nar quard or any thing of the Kind to give us any notice of the approach of the Enemy. Thereine at woodstock the next day There was an attack in our cavalry from the words which put them in either confusion owing to the Same cause after that Stuart was removed from the command of the cavalry and achty was placed in communo of three regiments of cavalry with a five battery attached and have forward Every thing on our rear event along most smoothly be retreated on very lisunly Tille we got beyond Haveconting on our march

We had a rear guard this time and in they came to sive notice of the approach of a large force of Ganker Cavalry with an attempt to cut off our way on have - but. ashly formed us for a charge and where the youkees. came in sight off we darhed wight at them and such a nort you never heard off - we captured the colonel acting Arigadeer Serviral, major, two captains and firty odd privates. astby however was not satisfied with this, but sent on ahead for some infantry and artillery which came with Terroal Eved The infantry pled off from the road into the woods where they met the yankers and signally routed them with a loss of 300 killes a wounder and about 50 on our side, including General ashly. The youkers lost their commender wounded to ken prisoner. This little fight was on Triday Evening and lasted about one hour. Saturday we had no fight- Sunday we advanced loward Port Republic where there was a bridge to be crossed - a that too in the possession of the Energy Sineral meksin got across by himself in the must of the Gaute force and putting on the air of one of their own officers suggested that the artillery he moved to another position who they did - and our men charged, look the courson & secured the bride. Then we returned to whip tremont who was coming a ow our rear- we cleaved him outs several bulong

(ganker) laid they lost 1500 to 2000 - our loss was about to killed 100 or so wounded. Shield army was only a Short distance off- but across a river and were compiles to lay by all the while - This days fight was by Evall's Division. Evall has behaved very gallantly and shown himself to be a good soldier The next day we crossed the river and chared thills army about 10 miles captures of pieces of artillery and 450 prisoners - Killing and wounding and then the day before, yet not very hearing. chow they are retreating down the valley bag a tage to live have taken briany prisoners horses or wagons on this their retrest- and when Sachron comes up with his reinforcements we will finally cleans them all out. I shall never wheat for this aimy to so into day and Embers or too I have received only one after since I left but as in a work I am still a little unwell but as are are doing nothing it does not hand much. Sive to all - Tell si to with to me · surlling ...

( William Hope Peek ) # 21 /2g inb

Since I wrote last Brown's Gap soon after our two day fight with the armies of Freemont and Shields - the Yankees have retreated down the main vallet about 50 miles, while our cavalry brigade followed them up and is now camped here.

Through out this whole campaign General Jackson has shown himself to be one of our finest Generals not only in fighting qualitys, but in the possesion of as much knowledge of strategy as any other. When he was at Martinsburgs & Charlestown, way down almost to the very banks of the Potomac, he received news that Front Royal on our right flank had been captured by Shields and that Freemont was forcing his way toward Strasburg. So as to completely hem him in. But old Jack was too smart a fox for such men as they - tho' Shields is considered one of the best of the Federal Generals. We immediately began our retreat sending the prisoners and captured property ahead, but always keeping them close to the main body of the army - the cavalry & one battery being in the rear. Bewteen Winchester and Strawsburg we losted about one or two hunderd straglers and burned 45 wagons we had captured for want of teems to haul them away - At Strawsburg we came upon Freemont for the first time - We drove back his advance early in the morning and waited all day for him to attck us but he neglected to do so and we marched on our retreat towards Woodstock in about 12 hours.

Just after we left Strawsburg while marching along the road at night they made a dash at our rear and threw our cavalry in utter confusion, some of them behaved most shamfully. The whole thing was owing to the carelessness of Genl. Geo. Stuart who commanded the cavalry - for he had posted no rear guard or any thing of the kind to give us any notice of the approach of the enemy. Likewise at Woodstock the next day there was an attack on our cavalry from the woods which put them in utter confusion owing to the same cause. After that Stuart was removed from the command of the cavalry and Ashby was placed in command of three regiments of cavalry with a fine battery attached and hence forward every thing on our rear went along most smoothly. We retreated on <u>very leisurely</u> till we got beyond Harrisonburg on our march . We had a rear guard this time and they in cause to give notice of the approach of a large force of Yenkee Cavalry with an attempt to cut off our wagon train - but Ashby formed us for a charge and when the Yankees came in sight off we dashed right at them and such a route you never heard of. We captured the Colonel acting Brigadier general, major two captians and fourty odd privates. Ashby however was not satisfied with this, but sent on ahead for some infantry and artillery which came with General Ewell. The infantry filed off from the road into the woods where they met the Yenkees and signally routed them with a loss of 300 killed and wounded on our side, including General Ashby. The Yankees lost their commander wounded taken prisoner. This little fight was on Friday evening and lasted about one hour.

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Hanover Sunctions May 11 1862.

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Our Surgeon is anxious to get to Richman for a day and after he goes and neturns and if will we still remain hereabout I may get there - He is going to exchange into another regiment as the Col. of this does not like him, and he is very unpopular with the officers and men. I am afraid they have the same fulings toward one. If Ia feels able I hope her will to get all the political influence possible to bear upon my application for a transfer Love to all.

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( William Hope Peek ) # 22

Dear Ma 2 pg inh

Hanover Junction July 11, 1862

Here we are up to our eyes in rain camped in the woods about half a mile from the railraod. It seems to be the general impression amoung the members of the regiment that we will remain in this vacinity for some time. A sort of picket force to guard the rail was from incursions of the enemy in the direction of Fredericksburg.

Day before yesterday I spent in Ashland and if I had then known as much about the running of the cars I should have spent it at home.

Ashland is a beautiful place fixed up as a kind of summer resort - there is yet one boarding house there which accommodates persons with meals and lodging - and very good eating too. I don't suppose they charge more than 2 or 2 1/2\$ per day.

Dr. Almond was very much pleased with his visit to Richmond and says he doesn't wonder at my great anxiety to get to such a nice home as that is. The things you sent me were most acceptable and were most thankfully received but I'm sorry to say I ate so much that I was made quite sick.

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Love to all Willie

Direct letters to Hanover Junction

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Mrs Janette Mb. Peek.

Richmond.

Virginia,

( William Hope Peek ) # 23

Gordonsville Va July 16 1862

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Dear Ma -

Just as we had settled down at the Junction and I began to think there would be some chance of my getting to Richmond for a day or two — these troublesome Yankees began to stir in Culpepper Co — and we were accordingly compelled to stir too — and took up our lines of march for this place. This time we did not pass Mr. Vests and consequently I did not see Mary — but at Louisa C.H. I spent good part of a day with one of my college chums who is married and keeping house there. I had a first rate dinner and was at the same time protected from a drenching rain.

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Your Affecty Willie

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Donn Ma

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( William Hope Peek )

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Camp near Orange C.H. July 20, 1862

Dear Ma -

Thanks to the Yankees I have been once more to that delightful place Orange C.H. and partaken of the bountiful hospitality of Mr. Houseworth. I took supper breakfast & dinner there and staid all night - spending a nice time eating the very best and drinking nice port wine. It seems Mrs. Houseworth must have consulted my tastes in prepairing the desert for she had baked custard, and I did full justice to it.

Our skirmishing in Orange has resulted in the death of 4 or 5 and the capture of about 40 or 50 Yankees. We lost not a man but had one very dangerously wounded in the bowels. He may be dead now.

I am making a fresh effort and in another direction to get a transfer. I have written to Dr. Taliaferro at Farmville to see if I could get him enlisted in my favor. Really I begin to despair of war accomplishing any thing and our only praying the war may soon end that all this may be over. But what pleasures could be to us to go back to a home so desolate as ours must be. -

We have a large Cavalry force here under General Robinson from The Valley and I believe Jackson is bringing all his army to this section of country. We have against us a picked General Pope - and there will be some fighting done soon.

There is nothing new now -

Affecty Willie

I paid Mr. H. his bill was 20\$

Camp of Greatry Brigade Mias Crange Cit. July 22.

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Direct letters to Gordoneville. ( William Hope Peek )

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Camp of Cavalry Brigade Near Orange C.H. July 22

Dear Ma.

Here we are still at our same camp and I in striking distance of Mr. Houseworth's. Yesterday I rode into town in the afternoon intending to take supper with Mrs. H. and return about 9 o'clock, but I was taken round to see a young lady very highly recommended to me for a wife. That visit kept me in town till 11 o'clock and I concluded to remain all night and partake of a nice breakfast in the morning.

It seems to me Mrs. H. is such an excellent woman - a good wife & house keeper endowed with so much good common sence that I would be willing to take almost anybody she might recomend for a wife. The young lady in question surely is of very attractive personage - and I think I could see in her face the evidences of much good nature & amiability. She sings and plays on the piano - possesses a very siek voice and I am informed is very finely educated. Her form and figure are almost faultless, but I could have her face a little prettier. Of her domestic qualities it is enough to say she is recommended by Mrs. H. and is one of her favorites in town. Her father keeps or did keep a Dry Goods Store in partnership with a bachelor who died last spring in Flordia and left all his property to this gentlemen's children. He has decidely the prettiest residence in the whole town ! and the house is very nicely furnished. I think the religion of the family is divided between the Methodist & Presbyterian Churches. Now what is her name? Miss Mary Thompson. I think I must take every opportunity to cultivate her acquaintance & if I like her ask her to marry me. What if I should do so, and practice medicine here at Orange C.H. after the war is over? This seems to me about as good a place as any other I have yet met with in my extensive travles over this section of the state.

What the Yankees are going to do hereabouts remains to be seen. Genl. Jackson is encamped not very far from here with quite a condiserable force, and has reinforcements continually comming on. When the battles do come off-the Yankess favorite Pope may well look to his laurels.

I received a letter from Sis forward from the Junction to Gordonsville. She makes my mouth water for some of those nice apricots and I wish there was some way by which you all could send me some. I shall have to forgo the pleasure of eating them.

Miss Lizzie West wrote to me that she had invited Sis & Junie to join a party on a visit to the Natural Bridge. If she would like to go I will be very much pleased to pay expenses and hope Bro. Eddie will go with her. I shall draw ( if I want it ) two months pay in a day or two — and as you have paid the whole cost of my saddle & horse I shall no big draw to make on it. I hope Sis can take such a trip as that and that Bro. Eddie will return by way of Staunton & Charlottsville & then she can see the institutions in Staunton & the University. I would cost her about 40 or 50\$. By the way Pa ought to take such a trip as that. If he could have fine weather all the time it would do him a great deal of good.

(William Hope Peek) # 25 pg 2

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Direct letters to Gordonsville

. Dear Pa.

I emplose you would like to know where you can get some nice fresh butter for 50 cts a pound, as I understand it is about a dollar or perhaps more in Richmond, Well Dr. almord's brother who has been here on a visit, can send you some at that price He dives mean Symahberry Respecies store, and goes there meanly wery week with better and large he can part it on the Canal boat there to be sent to Richmond by Express, wh, will add a cent or two to the poured. I told him you would wide to him and order some. Perhaps he would agree to land it to you, say wery 2 works - His past office is "Charlemont. Bedford Co. Va! and I think if you all feel like rating butter Bro. Ino. had better write to him fair in his dialing. Manne is Me almost. I told time you would write to him if you wish any. I think I wrote to reference to getting some clothe from the clothing bureaux in Richmond. I hope you will see about it & write to me as this same gentleman has a contract with a factory. I thinks he can furnish mi Donne at a reason able price. I will want a good thick jacket, parts and a nice well lined overcoat plent, dong and with a good full heavy cape.

going very for- a now we are about to move again I can give no information about general movements, but think we must have a battle pretty soon.

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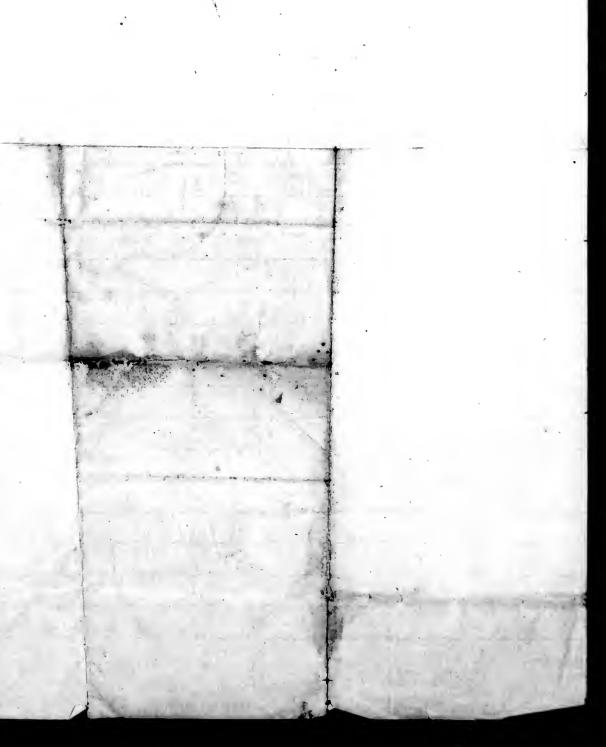
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(William Hope Peek)
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Barbourville Orange Co. Augs. 1. 1862

Dear Pa

I suppose you would like to know where you can get some nice fresh butter for 50 cts a pound, as I understand it is about a dollar or perhaps in Richmond. Well Dr. Almond's brother who has been here on a visit, can send you some at that price. He lives near Lynchburg keeping store, and goes there nearly every week with butter and says he can put it on the canel boat there to be sent to Richmond by Express, wh, will add a cent or two 15 the pound. I told him you would write to him and order some. Perhaps he would agree to send it to you, say every 2 weeks. His post office is ( Charlemnont, Bedford Co. Va. ) and I think if you all feel like eating butter Bro Jho. had better write to him in reference to it. He is a very nice man & perfectly fair in his dealings. Name is Wm. Allmond. I told him you would write to him if you wish any.

I think I wrote to you in reference to getting some cloth from the clothing bureau in Richmond. I hope you will see about it & write to me. a this same gentleman has a contract with a factory & thinks he can furnish me some at a reasonable price. I will want a good thick jacket, pants and a nice well lined overcoat plenty long and with a good full heavy cape. -

We have been moving about a great deal but never going very far - & now we are about to move again. I can give no information about general movements, but think we must have a battle pretty soon.

I have had a fresh accession of sickness the last day or two, but believe I am getting better now.

I am informed that the Conscript Law will be inforced pretty rigorously and hope if it is not too late that Bro Eddie has joined one of the companies and Elliott's Battl. for City duties. That is the best command he can go in if he can't do something better. Charlie had better do it too if he can still be detailed on his present work. The pay in that command is 20\$ more than in any other and good barricks will be furnished the men

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Camp near Barbounville Orange Co. August 5

Dear Ma,

Here we are still enduring the listless inactivity life - the enemy are not far off but it seems he is very slow to move. We are probably as near or nearer to him than any other regiment in our army and yet we seem to live in the most complete indifference.

As for news there is scarcely a rumor in our dull camp — I am so tired of this living that any compensation would be a small one that would induce any body to exchange with me. In the morning I prescribe for some 25 men and there thro' the long days have only loll about complete idleness. True I have a few books but they have lost their powers to interest me. At present too I am some what lonesome. Dr. Almond has gone home and the you will perceive I am some what along in my mess.

The weather too has been exceedingly hot the past few days. The green friut we sometimes get keeps me always sick for too much like a child I cannot possibly restain my appetite.

This country around here is exceedingly furtile - framld be a real pity for the Yankees to get in here. Just opposite our camp is the most maginficent crop of corn I ever saw in my life.

Just before our Surgeon left in a conversation he had with the Col. the latter paid me some very high compliment. Till then I thought he hade a very small opinion of me. I think it almost certain I shall be much better pleased with our coming Surgeon than the former one. He will be much more poplar with the men of the regiment.

I am writing on my dining table and Frank tells me to take my dinner while the water is cooled - so I must close - with love to all -

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( William Hope Peek ) # 28

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Near Gordonsville August 15

Dear Ma,

I write now more particularily to get you to leave a book of mine sent to a friend of mine to whom I have lent it. the book is "Neill & Smith's Compend of Medicine." Put it up in a bundle & send by Express marked Dr. Jno. Nelson Care of C. W. Price Bank of Virginia Lynchburg Va. -

We are now in the same old camping ground we occupied before the battle.

Jackson has been largely reinforced - but as we are far from the infantry I have not seen any acquaintance, if indeed any have joined this army.

I am still sick but I don't mind it much. As soon as our Surgeon comes I want to get sent to a Hospital in Richmond and then I can stay home a week or two. I shall make a desperate effort and if I succeed you may expect me in a few days - say a week or 10 days.

Our colonel is absent sick. When I do get there I intend to work all the time for a transfer to Hospital.

There is nothing new. I have just finished making apple dumplins and they are now cooking.

I can see no good reason for being so uneasy about Georgy. He is all safe & you'll here from him in good time -

Affecty, Willie

Horence, Ala, Sept 8th 1862. My dear Ma, Jane still in Florence; but where you are I cannot tele I hope This letter may reach you When I think of the trouble you have seen and the anxiety you have experienced price I last saw you or even, since I last heard from you I am hope you have considered me always as safe, but where is Charlie and Wille and all. They, Oh where are they? and brothers Jonny and Coldy - Those who have been marshaled to diseful battle within hearing of home. What has become of them? frequently shoots across my mind and fills me with such unnatural feelings. Because I cannot hear from home; I am restless and uneasy. Because I dolast know whether the brother I have left believe have fallen in tattle, whether every thing I hold dear has been sorested from ind, I cannot tell how I should feel or what I should feel do. Every day I have more and nove a feeling of sevenge for part and present infuries, that would almost light the North in a blazer from the Olio to the Wakes and from the Mississippi to cape Back, Our present successos elate me with in the prospect of entering their country fills me with delight they have made our daughters tremple and our mothers weef tears of litteenes , but oh what Territe

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Florence, Ala. Sept 8th 1862

My dear Ma,

I am still in Florence, but where you are I cannot tell. I hope this letter may reach you. When I think of the trouble you have seen and the anxiety you have experienced since I last saw you, or even, since I last heard from you I am pained to the very depths of my heart.

I hope you have considered me always as safe, but where is Charlie and Willie and all. They, Oh where are they? and brothers Jonny and Eddy.— thoes who have been marshaled to drieful battle within hearing of home. What has become of them? Frequently shoots across my mind and fills me with such unnatural feelings. Because I cannot hear from home I am restless and uneasy. Because I do not know whether the brothers I have left behind have fallen in battle, whether every thing I hold dear has been wrested from me, I cannot tell how I should feel or what I should do. Every day I have more and more a feeling of revenge for past and present injusties, that would almost light the light the North in a blaze from the Ohio to the Lakes and from the Mississippi to Cape Cod.

Our present successes elate me with joy. The prospect of entering their country fills me with delight. They have made Our daughters tremple and our mothers weep tears of bitterness, but oh what terrible retrobution shall be insited upon them if God is willing! I might, if I were enclined, attempt to draw the picture of wretchedness they have brought on many of the families they live in their ruineus course through the South, but no pen can depict the depeths of the misery that shall be their portion, when our army shall invade their country and every one is looking forward to that event as of no distant date:

The army of the West is depealted in its every object, the army of the East is utterly ruined and hemmed in at Washington What others plan, then, is there for us than to concentrate our forces for a grand invasion of their Country.

But I will confine myself to the news of my immediate neighborhood. Huntsville as you know is Exacavated, there has been a battle fought there a bouts of little consequence. A division of the enemy are at others completely cut off by our forces. Courtland has been evacuated. Tuscumbia has received the summons to surrender, and I am under the impression that under cover of last night they evacuated the place without a fight. Hence we are clear of Yankees once more. They have concentrated at Corinth for a struggle, I think, but on the approach of General Price will retire to Memphis. I can now get a letter to you frequently; but how shall I get one from you? Write to me and direct to Aberdeen Mississippi, from that point I think I can get.

But now so far as I am concerned. I am just in this position. The College opens tomorrow, the Trustees want me to remain although there is hardly anything for me to do. I have promised to remain, and am now living with Mr. G.W.Foster, The president of the Board. and the soul and spirit of the Institution. But the Conscript law will soon be in force here, then I shall have a chance to

(George Meridyth Peek) #18 pg 2

enter the army. Let me know how things stand at home so that I can tell what to do. If I leave Florence again I shall certainly go to Richmond. But when I go to Richmond 'twill not be in my former capacity or leaning upon former friends, but it will be with recommendation of high respectability and as a citizen of the State of Alabama. I suppose Sis is with you where ever you are, and Pegie and Aunt Millie - Oh! how I want to see them - Little Jesse & Tommie & Willie all crowd upon my thoughts - Now do I know but that they are fatherless! In that case they would be doubly dear to me.

But why should I anticipate? I will not. All are as I left them. Give my love to them. I stand in health and other maters as "in Statu quo"

Your Aff. Son

GMP.

(ON SIDE MARGIN LAST PAGE )

Give love to Jennie & Aunt Judy- and where is that gallant son- Has God answered his prayers or has he also fallen?

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Sept 13

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(letter to Mrs. Peek from her sister Sally)

2 pg pencil.

Spring Hill Sept 12th 1862

My Dear Sis

I have wished and waited looked for a letter from you I wrote to Murill in asking her to get a letter from you and send me tho has not done it, if you will write and send your letter Mr John Uerdy Fallin, he is in the general quarter master in Richmond his address is Broad St, Corner of 18th St. please do not forget this my dear sis I do want to hear from you all so bad by how are you all and where is your brother in all of those better I hope not and poor Daniel where is he and Bro James and all, write me a long letter and tell me all the news. O I do want to see youall so badly that never see you all again I hope so, O sis I got a letter from my dear Porty last week the first one I have goten since he left Norfolk. I was so glad I did not know what to do we get the mail now have you seen my boy since he left Norfolk, how did he look write me all about him ere ever all well the Yankees have not disturbed us they have liberated some of our neighboors of negros and hogs fouls but have not been to see us yet, we look for them everyday, please dont let the children forget me Tommie and Jesse will not I know, kiss them all for Aunt Sally, hug and kiss cousin and all for me tell them I do want to see them so badly, I do not know what to do, an write me a long letter and tell me all the news, all that was wounded and killed, we are all well Nancy will go to school the first of next month, at Mrs Canny Dawning her husband did a short time in the army she is deeply distressed, I did love him dearly he gave Nancy her books he was the teacher in the family Jenny will do the same do you ever hear master George if he is in Richmond tell him to write to me, ask Cousin if Tommy goes to Richmond please comb his head and take care of him for me I do want to see him so badly my love to all Ann and Betty

Your dear friend Sally

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[18 Sept. 1862/5] (Don't let any one read my letter. dervant . Ar Jug, Henry Cansey a mid-Henry was so busy he dedn't go down Last but not least this Stone and to see that He denounces her long Willie Modling regreted very much stay in Narfolk betterly I don't ex your left; before. The came sipe hutale. -peat it was more ahan life denum have deft moir, except - de Servantiand enaliver, or a debte conjour, because. he leaves to morrow. Capt Jaglow has the advantage of Henry came up to get a commundados playing the dover But I believe mat and due ecceled in getting the appoint has a swal atio owel his Slepy ment of second lientenant in the. of Retersburg, a very beautiful assist. Confederated asmy Sance you leftaccomplished young lady, whom he went down to Me Wawking house. the taplace admeres very much, with Dach. would shot at the prehet. but not such which is said to be Thay had to make a hasty retreated. couldst ascertain the result but . As Justons attractions. Mat eviste had to week to semain longer, and have heard since here were holled. the few days after he shot another wood her Pursuch has govern her consentfor her to stay as long as she weeky off . Grow stead achieves on to Bear dent Davis promoted from . If gon had. and I show it will be some time before everile have the pleasure of secured an appointment: hes. a map ang.

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(war news of Yorktown)
(Written by Lizzie)
# 1 TO WILLIE

8pg ink

Dear Friend,

Richmond Sept 18th

Your interesting and welcomed missive reached me monday night, and though I've endeavored to comply with your request, not to delay long", I'm afraid I'll not be able to interest you much. I've felt peculiarly and particularly sad for several days past - Am looking forward with fearful anticipation, to the issues of the expected battle at Yorktown. Magruder thinks from the movements of the enemy together with some valuble information given him a diserter - ? ? intends to make a desperate effort to get to Richmond through Yorktown, and has consequently asked for large reinforcements, which are going down every day. A Florida regiment encamped just across the street for more than a week, left yesterday morning. When they received marching orders there loud hurrahs deafened the air, I never saw men who seemed more anxious to fight. I feel very doubt of our success, if an attack is made; but Willie, you know I've an idolized brother and many friends who will be exposed to immediate danger, and my thoughts will with uncontrolable persistency wander to these loved ones. I've tried to keep busily engaged as work I think is one of the best safeguards against the of sad thoughts but all my efforts have proved ineffectual. But I mustn't write longer in this strain to you.

You are mistaken in supposing we expected you would the second time delay leaving Richmond and I don't consider your reason for waiting the - first time "frivolous" at all, or because you were "weak & recovering", from it. But I hope it will not be years before we will welcome you to old Virginia. Don't wait to make a fortune but come occasionally while you are making it. I regret you left quite so soon. We've had so many of our old friends to see us, it has seemed Almost like the happy old timer. Dick Hawkins and Servant Mr. Ivy, Henry Causey, And last but not least Mrs. Stores and Willie. Mrs. Stores regreted very much you left before she came up. But all have left now, except Mr. Servant, and he leaves tomorrow.

Henry came up to get a Commission, and succeeded in getting the Appointment of second lieutenant in the Confederate army. Since you left he went down to Mr. Hawkins house with Deek, and shot at the pickets. They had to make a hasty retreat & couldn't ascertain the result - but have heard since two were killed. A few days after he shot anothernose off. From these achievements President Davis promoted him. If you had gone to have seen Davis You would received an appointment

Don't let anyone read my letters.

Henry was so busy he didn't go down to see that ? ? He denounces her long stay in Norfolk bitterly - I don't expect it was more than life demonstration or a little envious, because Capt. Taylor has the advantage of playing the lover but I believe that has a rival this visit, Miss Slessy of Petersburg, a very beautiful and accomplished young lady, whom the Captain admires very much, but not rich, which is said to be Mr. Taylor's attraction. Mat wrote last week to remain longer, and Mrs Parrish has given her consent for her to stay as long as she wishes, and I think it will be sometime before we'll have the pleasure of her company.

I've not succeeded in getting A school yet, and there is not much prospect at present, of my succeeding. Last week Mr. Garnet of King & Queen offered me situation, but my deficiency in music prevented my taking it. I'm not so anxious

now, as I was a few weeks ago brother Williams has been detailed from his company to take situation in Richmond that will pay him several hundred dollars. His salary and brother's will make us quite comfortable and I'll be almost glad if I have to stay home but brother hasn't come up yet, and his delay makes us all very uneasy. I'm afraid Magruder is keeping mind because of the anticipated attack. Several who were detailed have been call in there companies.

Willie have you forgotton the letters from Mr. Mann, I read to Mr. Parrish the evening before you left he has arrived to perform thos "humble services" he was so much afraid would be neglected in his absence. He and Aunt Mann are living here with Mr. Parrish. The Poor old man has been very sick for the past two weeks, and looks very little like he be able to perform. even an "humble service" for any one.

One oclock I had no idea it was so late - Mr Robins sale to night after tea and stayed very late, which detured me from commencing writing as soon as I wished. But I must give you a few messages from the family and close -

Mrs. Williams said she had gotton so well and strong, she will be able to make enough money to pay you for your kind attention, when you come back. Mrs. Watson wants to know what you mean by saying she mustn't take advantage of Mrs. Williams illness. Sis saw she ill write soon – she is fast asleep now snoring. And  $\underline{\text{all}}$  send there best love to you.

Now Willie, I've not written a long letter, which I never do, And for which I'm sure you are very glad.— As you have thrown down the "gauntlett" and I've taken it up. But I want you to write me a long one in reply, and write soon. "Do good for evil." Give my respects to your brothers I excuse this hurriedly written senale. Now I must make my bones retire

Yours sincerely. Lizzie

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## MISSING PAGE(S)

( George Meridyth Peek )
# 19

4 pg ink

Florence Ala. Sept. 19th 1862

My dear Sis,

It has been many long, long day since I used to receive your own <u>peculiar</u> letters - for it seemed to me that your letters above all others gave me the news about <u>home</u>. And during this time I must still content myself with remaining here and not hearing anything from my dear home folks, many of whom have been exposed to so many dangers, while others have suffered death from anxiety. I always wished to share the troubles and dangers of my brothers and relations, and if I had thought that coming here would have separated me from them in this time of so great need and danger neither the argument of health and maklity, nor that of interest could have ever enduced me to leave them.

But, now, since I am here, and have long since found out the necessities of one left to his own resourses, and have calmly viewed the position to which a man can attain by dint of his own labor and talent, and since I cannot serve my Country now in the field (for two important reasons) I shall endeavor to bring all things togeather, and to bend all circumstances, to my own advancement in those things which pertain to peace, that I may be more accomplished and better prepared to act when the war shall close.

My dearest Sis I can't even tell whether you have another brother beside me. - Have they all perished for their country. An enviable fate, I think to me, for I, indeed, am much less worther to survive than they me. But I cannot hear, and all my friends tell me I toke Phulosophically-and so I do; for I shall not think otherwise than that. Willie is in a hospital in Richmond, Charly in Talbot's shop and bros. Eddy & Tommy in the army and in good health; Pa and Ma, Peggie & family, Aunt Mollie and family, Aunt Judy and family (except that valiant boy, whose deeds of valour shall be related with pride to others in coming years. - but he is not head - only in the Army!)

(NO ENDING TO LETTER)

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( William Hope Peek ) # 29 In Bivouac Sep 20

13 pg pencil

Dear Ma,

We have left Maryland after a timble battle nears Sharpsburg. McLaw's Division I understand went into the fight late in the day. I cannnot hear if any Hamptonears are killed or wounded. The fight lasted all day & the enemy were driven from the field & sent a flag of truce to bury their dead. The following day we evacuated and quite a number of our wounded had fallen into their hands.

If any of our friends have been wounded so that they couldnot walk I fear they fare very badly - I have not heard of any I only pray the Bro. Eddie & Billie are both safe & unhurt. I shall try to find out & if they are, give them all the assistance I possibly can. -

I have received one letter from Sis. She said I could get cloths from the Government store. Please to write the prices ec. Secure me a good overcoat - jacket & pants. I shall try every way possible to get to Richmond soon.

Our regiment has been & is now worked almost to death. Always the case. We have been promised rest, but of course we can't be spared.

My anxiety for Bro. Eddie & Billie has brought the war to my heart in a painful degree. Let us pray for the best.

Affectionitely in haste

Willie Willie

Camp 32nd. fu Rigt. near Winchester. my darling Sis, not untile the other day, hade we have home + dear loved ones. then. I was much surfixed to hear that you had not received but one letter Sure we lift: for I have witten every apportunity I think you all might write is it of you write put your letter in the Dentines Brigade, 3 2 Regt. Vn. Trols, Cam 9 E. B. Monlique and we write get the The mail of the different Divisions are forwarded

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(Eddie Peek)
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Camp 32 inf VA Regt. Near Winchester Oct 2nd 1862.

Not until the other day, had we heard one word from our sweet home & dear loved ones there. I was much suprised to hear that you have not received but one letter since we left - for I have written every opportunity. I think you all might write often if you would put your letter in the office - directed to the Army of Northern Virginia Jemmis Brigade, 32nd Regt- VA Vols care of E. B. Montague and we will get them -

The mail of the different Divisions are fowarded indeed Sis the mountains are very beautiful but not to much so, as to cause me, for one moment, to forget the loved ones at home - I might say with truth that, there is hardly a moment that passes by, but that my thoughts are turned to thee & thoes dear friends which a benevident father has blessed me with may Gods bless & protect them & grant us the blessed privalge of meeting once again -

Give my love to  $\underline{\text{deer}}$   $\underline{\text{Mat}}$ . and tell her I want to see her so much. Tell her I've pass - through the Iron & lead in hail at Sharpsburg & hope to return Err long to see you all -

Eddie is quite well & stands the marches nobly - His wounds has gotten entirely well - He is writing also - Henry Sinclare has recovered. from his wound also & says if you see Jno. Sinclair or any of this family tell then he is well & getting along very well -

I heard that Bro. Willis was dead; but as it not reliable, dont say nothing about it - So that his mother can hear it.

Give my love to Sis & tell the folkes & tell Jessie to write- we cant get paper to write on. Good bye.- I would write more but the carrier is waiting.

Have you heard from Bet & Sue lately. Send my love to them when you write again - & tell Sue. I heard some good news of her the other day.

Write soon to you affectionate & loving

Bubba.

Cletr 6 1862. Deur Ma. I received a letter from sis while out on a scout in few days since and was very much relieved to hear that Bro Eddie and Billy evere both anhurt. Since I received that I have seen the Old Dominions and learned that the 32? behavid most gallantly but suffered very severely. I have not been able to see any of them since the battles. The cavalry is always out on the picket Bosts some distance from the main body of the infantry and it almost impossible for me to get away even for a day to see them. I have been inabled to get very few things indeed in the way of shoes for you all, but doubt not that I can get a tolerable supply after a while by picking up a pair hund then

Camp near Charlestown

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Loe Name is now commander of his regiment and has no Surper 20 that is my best chance for a promotion. I want tyra to Lend him the enclosed letter. I don't know where he is but suppose you do.

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( William Hope Peek )
# 30

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Camp near Charlestown Oct 6 1862.

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I have been unable to get very few things indeed in the way of shoes for you all, but doubt not that I can get a tolerable supply after a while by picking up a pair here & there. I have gotten a pair of gaiters for Pigeon for which I paid 3\$ a very nice article - (could get no smaller size) and several pairs of white stockings & Jenette at the old prices - Also a pair of shoes for the baby.

I wish I could hear what my overcoat & ec. would cost if I get it from the Government store in Richmond. Please let me know. I might get cloth up here some where but would be very much troubled getting the articles made. Cold weather is comming on pretty fast and I am anxious to get my outfit. Perhaps if I get there in Richmond I may get a furlough to come for them. That is my only chance for seeing you all.

Joe Ham is now commander of his regiment and has no Surgeon so that is my best chance for promotion. I want you to send him the enclosed letter. I don't know where he is but suppose you do.

My health is now very good indeed and I believe I am fattening - but this service becomes more and more unpleasant to me every day. If Dr. Almond & I could be together by ourselves I would be much better pleased but at present that can't be and my mess is rather unpleasant. The doctor by the way has been married since you all saw him in Richmond.

The army is rapidly recruiting and issuing shoes and cloths, perpairing for winter. The Yankees are in Maryland doing the same thing I recon. When our regiment was on picket a day or two ago near Harpers Ferry we could see them very actively at work. We may have another great battle before winter, but it is doubtful. I would like to hear from home ofter direct to Winchester. If Bro Johnny will take a trip to Florence to look after George I'll pay half or more of the expenses.

## ( Missing )

I lent Joe Phillips 20\$ the other day when he was down here which he promised to pay over to Daniel or some member of the family - Has he done so?

Hounce, Sta. Oct y th 1862 My dear Sis, A few evenings ago I was taking my evening-walk down the main street of Florence, when, to my surprise, I was Called over by a young lady in company with ring mollie Rag -land. I was much surprised at the occurrance, since it was no other than zuif Mollie Bustivell, a more modest lading I naver pour, and the internale priend of mit mollie N. Rice you know that she had received a letter?" Why no. I am flad to know that she has heard from her freuds - in Virginia I suppose? But to my astonishment she produced a letter in the fac Quille hand with of my dear Rioles; and there she had

not heard from her brother for so long a line - You might have seen the color come and go, you night have seen Spankle in my Type all full of lears of jun when I down covered that alle were safe llow glad I was you count magine, nor can I describe it But at the same time I was deep-- y effection by the clearly of Hunny While, than whom I hever Daw a more haquaning man, a man who entirely pulfilled that persoage of scripture which early - What ever they hand fredsty to do, do it with ale they neight. I was also surprised that you had not heard from me since march. lity I shave written frequent letters and thought I succeeded in getting Them through the menings lines. One of them I gave & a Suntenant

on Veul. Nosecrauto staf, who was accustomed to get letter through to a sever heart he had in Western Virginia. He promised to do it for me by the very first flag. of truce - he officed his sources and I could not refuse. And you may duit it strongs I should be so intimate with a fantee of--ficer - I, who am a meletary wan in the Community and a Vortheine But I will explain in one word; for I have much to write to night. He was sent from Nosecrants 5-Gent. Metchel at Florence with dis-· patoles, and called on Mes Foster for his dinner, Mr. Foster being then a prisoner in Tuscimbial I am living now at her. Fislets). Alady of course was much progeteness and could not refuse him. I was policy being & treat him politily, I entiry

hilo conversation and found him to be a gentleman. He was an Virginian of both; but Describe at West Yout where he unbrbed his Consolidating principles; and, while Va yet laggered, he accepted a position on Rosecranto staff. When I told him I had not heard from home for so long, he offered to get a letter through for me and also for mus Georgie Foster / by the way a beautiful gul I and she would have sent too had not I doubted the genmeness of the mon. But monge fluin you have not beceived a latter for so long. Then I must give you - borne listong of my perf since July . at least. You will recollect "that. I have her forming schemes and laying plans all of last pession to be consummated in the Vacation, when I expected to become an Officer in the Confederate Orney, for position I have so long pines for.

Well with all these expectations and holy (I allude also to the pleasures of seeing you all at line ) I dutia for the army at Corinte thence to Verginia. It was in the su of July, when, released from my propessional duties here, I look uf my line of march through the enemies leves. He large to. of Mantices Stationed at Suscembia, and the strict orgelance with which they granded the passes of The lenneessee here confelled me to cross the river nine mily above Horence. I proceeded thence towards court land, having been informed that only two or three confiances were there, hembling exceedingly from the near afficoach our cavalry under Senstrong who held the mountains in superior free. I stopped at a prinds plantation that night with in the lines of the evening and

twenty five miles from House. But here, although I had prequently assured you that nothing of the sort should happen, I was temption beyond my powers. Ah! how frail is man when he stands herealth the destructive fire that flashes from the eyes a beautiful young lady! Ion can und, at least, well judge what those wirling charmes - what that Iven voice that succeeded. so effectually in seducing me from the untirering proseculin of those deef laid schemes by which I expected to advance to honor and distinction. Twas the same influence that deferives musters of state of the confidence of their sovereigns and that honor and renown in sich which they would file the world - that plucks the weath of victory from the bow of the warrior and crowns his adversary - that has seduced many

hotlemen from the feaths of honor and fame and has definied one king of England of his theme. I can tell it in two words, and, indeed, my whole story. Daw a lady. But let me exemplify. About four miles from Courtland, m a spaciones and handsome mansion, situated on a sleght enmence surrounded by wide spred acres and flowing colon frelds, seedes an old planter. One Chousand bales of the king of the world" is his annal income, and the luxury and ferofusion that surreund him are wirling undied. The flowers here seemed to floor peaker and to emit sweeter flagrance, and the groves were likelier, the woler of the forest chorristers were more melodious than I had ever seen or smelt or heard in Kabama before I hat the severt the of the daughters mee viriling him to stay, caused the young warrior to pause in the under of his cauce, and henceth the emiles of the "Belle of the Valley" to lose sight of the grand Spect for which he started out. Day after day I tarried, and the notes of the peans supplanted the maitial strains of the trumpet, the sweet, Roft wice of the lady was preferred to the house command; in shead of martial deeds love lates were told, and the chatter Confusion of the parlor look the place of the worse of battle and the melle; in a word, all was changed; and pleasure ruled for the time so that days appeared like hours to the hero of the battle of Rethel, when he reclined on Velvet cushim and listened 6 the such vice. A week passed and the bolt fell. The Yankee came. and one evening, when I was loping

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( George Meridyth Peek )
# 20

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Florence Ala Oct 7 th 1862

My dear Sis

A few evenings ago I was taking my evening walk down the main street of Florence when to my surprise, I was called over by a young lady in company with Miss Mollie Ragland. I was <u>much</u> <u>surprised</u> at the occurrance, since it was no other than miss Mollie Bushwall, a more modest lady. I never saw, and the intimate friend of Miss Mollie R. "Did you know that she has received a letter?" "Why no. I am glad to know she has heard from her friends - in Virginia I suppose?" But to my astonishment she produced a letter in the facsimite hand writ of my dear Sister' and their she had not heard from her brother for so long a time -You might have seen joy sparkle in my eyes all full-of tears of joy when I discovered that all were safe. - More glad I was you cannot imagine, nor can I describe it. But at the same time I was deeply effected by the death of Henry White, than whom I never saw a more maguanismory man, a man who entirelly fulfilled that passage of scripture which says - Waht ever thy band formost to do, do it with all thy might" I was also suprised that you had not heard from me since march. Why I have written frequent letters and though I succeeded in getting through the enemy's lines. One of them I gave to a Lieutenant on Genl. Rosecrants staff, who was accustomia to get letters through to a sweet heart he had in Western Virginia. He promised to do it for me. by the very first flag of truce; he offered his services and I could not refuse. And you may think it strange I should be so intimate with a Yankee officer - I, who am a Military man in the Community and a Southerner.

But I will explain in one word; for I have much to write to night. He was sent from Rosecrants to Genl. Mitchell at Florence with dispatches and called on Mrs. Foster for his dinner, Mr Foster being a prisoner in Tuscumbia (I am living now at Mr. Fosters) a lady of course and much frightned and could not refuse him. I was immediately sent for, and the time policy being to treat him politely, I entered into conversation and found him to be a gentleman. He was a Virginia by birth; but educated at West Point where he unbided his Consoladating principles; and, while VA. get laggered, he accepted a position on Rosecrants - staff. When I told him I had not heard from home for so long he offered to get a letter through for me and also for Miss Georgie Foster (by the way a beautiful girl); and she would have sent too had I not doubted the genuineness of the man. But enough of him you have not received a letter for so long. Then I must give you some history of my self - since July at least. You will recollect that, I have been forming schemes and laying plans all of last session to be consummated in the Vocation, when I expected to become an officer in the Confederate Army, a position I have so long pined for. Well with all these expectations and hopes ( I allude also to the pleasures of seeing you all at home) I started for the Army. at Corinth & thence to Virginia. It was on the 5th of July, when, relesaed from my professional duties here, I took up my line of march through the enemys lines. The large No. of Yankees Stationed at Tuscumbia, and the strict Vigilance with which they guarded the passes of the Tennessee here compelled me to cross the river nine miles above Florence. I proceided thence towards Courtland, having been informed that only two or three Companies were their, trembling exceedingly from the near approach of

our cavalry under Armstrong. Who held the mountians in superior force. I stopped at a friends plantation that night within the lines of the enemy and twenty five miles from Florence. But here, althrough I have frequently assured you that nothing of the sort should happen, I was tempted beyond my powers. Ah! how frail is Man when he stands beneath the destructive fire that flashes from the eyes a beautiful young lady! You can now, at least, well judge what thoes - inviting charms - What that Siren voice that succeeded so effectually in seducing me from the untireing prosecution of those deep laid schemes by which I expected to advance to honor and destinction. 'Twas the same influence that deprives ministers of state of the confidence of their sovereigns and that honor and renown with which they would fill the world - that plucks the wreath of victory from the han of the warrior and crowns his adversary - that has seduced many nobleman from the paths of honor and fame and has deprived one king of England of this throne. I can tell it in two words, and, indeed, my whole story. I saw a lady. But let me excemplify - about four miles from Courtland, in a spacious and handsome mansion, situated on a slight eminence surrounded by wide spred acres and flowing cotton fields, resides an old planter - One thousand bales of the "king of the world" as his annual income, and the luxary and profusion that surround him all writing indeed. The flowers here seemed to bloom fresher, and to emit sweeten flargeance, and the groves were liveties, the notes of the fomest chorristier were more than I have ever seen or smelt or heard in Alabama before; but the sweet tones of the daughter voice inviting him to stay, caused the young warrior to pause in the mist of his career, and beneath the smiles of the "Belle of the Valley" to lose sight of the grand object for which he started out. Day after day I tarried and the notes of the piano supplanted the material strains of the trumpt, the sweet, soft voice of the lady was preferred to the hoarse command; in stead of material deeds, love tales were told, and the chatter and camp confusion of the parlor took the place of the worse of battle and the melee; in a word, all was changied; and pleasure ruled for the time so that days appeared like hours to the hero of the battle of Bethel, When he reclined on velvet cushions and listened to siver's voice. A week passed and the bolt fell. The Yankee come; and one evening, when I was loping

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Williamsburg th \$ 1862 October 7 1862 My Bai Huskol it its where ist wife cope it south for morning Vis. ill I be so of have not heard from y ou wie ac defait came home I thought that saveld with to inform you that we are altowell, and laka came home safe, the are getting along tolerably well, there is not a great many facties in Williamsbing now they have nearly all left here for Brokenend, I thought of coming myself sout devild not make up my mind to the lesse my forests and visters, the Peck little brother is the very image of you he has large black eyed he can walk all about and can talk a little ho is so mis chevers, all the children talk about you very often and say they want to ree you; Afeel sometimes like I would just as leve die as to live and be harted with those that I do love so dearly, I feet like if you were here I would be perfectly contented I vary often though about you and you family and cry about you all Papa very often talks about you with hand on his eyes to be autifule seem of calle in home it would raise from so well if I would send it to you dwarld do so if looks so much like you very time I look at it I carned help orying I do wish you had and I what not make it up I will by and send it is good of deposibly dan deparage of he could send you some dag ar loffed and bere and such things as he thingh shot ? governord med the world send it to you with pleasure things are very theep down there there is not any thing to tell in to Williamstring but we get go to Finders Monroe and get things Callies is 18 ch par bolling the same Song a so liste di fe la bed now topped to her the every ting in proposed to I have been to Maraphin once boer Hand Maggarith has both he minet thampile does look dreadfullether is mit a wingle house standing your examinets any thing dut the chiereness standing dunt May facett reach her best love to you all storage will you please singuis after Ferry for her and when you write to med let his him was where the said of the line to they that he handen to the family and very thing is very hait down there he says that he would is we would be gon to ay but he thought that as I was going to write that the it would

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move every purpose he says give his respects to dohing his love to churt fram ah an Aunt Mollin and drisy and all of the rest he sends his very best love to go and Mr Peck there has a been a great many death's arming the city ens of this place since the Leederal army care here namely Toctor South In Williamson IM Southall and a great many children the scarlett fever has been raging here and it has taken away a great many children Isit up last night with a corps and night before last with a very ill shild who is now dead I suppose you have heard about the fires that we have had nothing more to tell you at present for my tongue is down here there is hardly a night but what there is one or two fines last night there was a five very near ses the poor once more I would like to tell you so much Ma and old college William and Many is borned down the clear of the chilchen send their very best love to office and several houses and barns and stables and you and Sissy bourn Wallie Mr Peck and little Serve three miles Ma has been down to Unde Billys he has been und thele desse and all Aunt Marry Whitting is living very kind to his I would have come to Richmond to - with us now she sends her best love to gome family morrow bit I slid not have any where to go and was motable we are living at the same place that we were when y one to hay any board so I thought that I had better stay Ma left no at M Jeby's he sends his respects to you and is going to lagrand some up won tell dissig I have given his some Willie Gerby is wounded or not he heard he swan so much that the would hardly know me if she was to see but does not know for sestain when you write let me one I am larges than she was when she left here the says know who are wounded and killed we heard that the that she never will fuget how bird good have been to her 82 regement was true badly out up, please with and she rays that she wishes that she could return it who says let me hear the news please answer this as soon as you that she would be so happy to live with you again can when Maggir Wineby but if she mener lives with you in this world the hopes secesse a letter from my that the will fine with you in the at you has you must we she is very much obliged to you for you timebres to come Papa she says she kopes that Sods blessings well it with hi you all tell little Serie that we have got a little man for him to play with him he is now on a stick inding house the says up horses) and I said Willie I am milling to Rock come and with the came and took his billo stok and first it in this month wind their some whe praper thought that and one to mile that the ist a

and said with Beek tell dilay that she must write to me when you write to me, you must be sure and writes I'm would like very much to heare from you, tell Uncle Jessie that I was going to work to him but I did not have time Mits Fitchest is waiting for this now so you must let him read this I west that you were down here with us or are were up there with you of I do wish I would send you my frice of callies nothing world afford me more pleasure than to make he a present of it I have thed and I cannot talk much but I hope I will be free says that the is trying to lay in a Menty of Provision and he says will you be so kind as to try and find out wheather uchested to

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(letter from Annie Elizabeth Hope to her Aunt) (Annie Elizabeth married Thomas Curle Peek Sr.)

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Oct.
Williamsburg 7th 1862
October 7th 1862

My Dear Aunt

As I have not heard from you since Papa came home I thought that I would write to inform you that we are all well, and Papa came home safe, we are getting along tolerably well, there is not a great many ladies in Williamsburg now they have nearly all left here for Richmond, I thought of comming myself but I could not make up my mind to leave my parents and sisters, Aunt Peek little brother is the very image of you he has large black eyes he can walk about and can talk a little he is so mischevious, all the children talk about you very often and say they want to see you, I feel sometimes like I would just as live die as to live and be parted with those that I do love so dearly, I feel like if you were here I would be perfectly contented I very often think about you and your family and cry about you all, Papa very often talks about you with tears in his eyes. I have a beautiful piece of calico here it would suite you so well if I could send it to you I would do so it looks so much like you everytime I look at it I cannot help crying. I do wish you had it I shall not make it up I will try and send it to you if I possibly can Papa says if he could send you some Sugar Coffee and tea and such things as he though that you would need he would send it to you with pleasure, things are very cheep down here there is not any thing to sell in Williamsburg but go to Fortress Monroe and get things Callico is 18 cts per yd Cotton the same Sugar 10 to 12 cts per. lb. tea \$1.00 to \$1.50 per. lb. Coffee 10 to 12 1/2 per lb and everything in proportion.

I have been to Hampton once Poor Aunt Maggarett has lost her mind. Hampton does look dreadfull, there is not a single house standing you cannot see anything but chimmey's standing Aunt Maggarett sends her best love to you all she says will you please inquire after George for her and when you write to me let her know how and where he is, Pa says tell Uncle Johnny that he has been to the farm and everything is very distroit down there he says that he would have written to you to sooner but he thought that as I was going to write that I would answer every purpose he says give his respect to Johnny his love to Aunt Saurah an Aunt Mollie and Sissy and all fo the rest he sends his very best love to you and Mr. Peek there has been a great many deaths among the citizens of this place since the Federal Army came here namely Doctor Gault, Dr. Williamson, Mr. South all and a great many children the scarlet fever has been raging here and it has taken away a great many children I sit up last night with a corps and night before last with a very ill child who is now dead.

I suppose you have heard about the fires that we have had down here there is hardly a night but what there is one or two fires last night

there was a fire very near us the poor old college William and Mary is burned down the clearks office and several houses and barns and stables and three mills. Ma has been down to Uncle Billy's he has been very kind to us. I would have come to Richmond tomorrow but I did not have any where to go and was not able to pay any board so I thought that I had better stay Ma says that she is trying to lay in plenty of Provisions and is going to try and come up soon tell Sissy. I have grown so much that she would hardly know me if she was to see me. I am larger than she was when she left here. Ma says she never will forget how kind you have been to her she says that she wishes that she could return if she says that she would be happy to live with you again but if she never lives with you in this world she hopes that she will live with you in heaven she says she is very much obliged to you for your kindness to Papa she says she hopes that Gods blessings will be with you all tell little Jessie that we have got a little man for him to play with - he is now on a stick riding horse he says (up horses) and I say Willie I am writing to Peek come and write he came and took little stick and put it in his mouth and then on the paper and said (Wite Peek) tell Sissy that she must write to me when you write to me, you must be sure and write, I would like very much to hear from you, tell Uncle Jessie that I was going to write to him but I did not have time Miss Mittchell is waiting for this now so you must let him read this I wish that you were down here with us or we were up there with you oh I do wish I could send you my piece of callico nothing would afford me more pleasure than to make you a present of it I have nothing more to tell you at present for my tongue is tired and cannot talk much but I hope I will be free once more I would like to tell you so much Ma and Pa and all of the children send their very best love to you and Sissy Cousin Willie Mr. Peek and little Jessie and Uncle Jesse and all Aunt Mary Whitting is living with us now she sends her best love to your family. We are living at the same place that we were when you left us. At Mr. Yerby's he sends his respects to you and he says will you be so kind as to try and find out whether his son Willie Yerby is wounded or not he heard he was but does not know for certain when you write let me know who are wounded and killed we heard that the 32 Regiment was badly cut up, please write and let me know the news please and answer as soon as you can when Maggie

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as I am in a great hurry I have nothing more to say at present but remain your affectionate niece until death Annie E. Hope God bless you all, I would like so much to see you but if we never meet no more here on Earth I hope we will meet in heaven Good bye my dear Aunt

Annie Elizabeth H...

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Och got 1862s My Clin Darling Lis, - i dase been ance. iously looking for a letter from home for a long time, nothing stould afford me mere pleasure now than to there from our all the are lying in camp. almost Mosting away. He have been hear now for nearly two Heeks I hard today He would move in a few days, to where I have not the wast edies, the yantees are all I the Potomac, so I hope it will pards Richmond must thich when perhaps I mill be able to hear or be from you, He are getting bad off for clothes + offord I cont know what he there is up here this winter Juffer I'm afraid or have not Deen Hellie the Dince the battle of Shardsburg mr as I

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(Eddie Peek)
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Oct 8th 1862 Camp 32nd Regt. Near Winchester

My Own Darling Sis,

I have been anxiously looking for a letter from home for a long time. Nothing would afford me more pleasure now than to hear from you all We are lying in camp almost wasting away. We have been here now for nearly two weeks. I herd today we would move in a few days. To where I have not the least idea. The yankees are all across the Potomac. So I hope it will be towards Richmond near Richmond then perhaps I will be able to hear or see from you. We are getting bad off for clothes & shoes. I don't know what we will do up here this winter suffer I'm afraid. I have not seen Willie the since the battle of Sharpsburg nor do I know where he is. Thos Wheeler who was wounded in the late fight & who was left over in Maryland was paroled & came to the Regt. the other day he reports the death of Abe Wood Some of Woods family came from Balto and took a armistead with them. The rest of the wounded are doing well. We are all well no news of interest best love to all family Ginnie & Aunt Judy

Bro

Eddie

Florence, Ala., Oct 19th 1862 My dear Ma, Mr. Brown, a gentleman of Florence who had been to Richmond without my knowled edge, met me on the street some days since und tola meny folks were all will the had met me Tom Foster, our congressman, on the street in Rechmond, who enquired after me. It seems that you had been enquising of Me Foster about the It delights me to thurs that me I will refsoit to you that I and stile in florence attending to my duties in the College, and am isile. I was delight even to see a man who had been to Rich mond, and more especially when he could give me tidings of my folks.

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of six hundred dollars (\$600) I was receiving from the Board he proposed to board me fue of cost. After living at his house for these months, The Old College and est at Rof. Rice's as formerly. It is due to Seof. Dice for me to Ray hew that he has proved himself to be one of hy warnest friends. Deing a birginian him - Helf and imbried with a spirit characteristic of true birginians he looks upon me almost as a brother examing from the sauce tick. But you may wish to know the cause of es extratedensity a change - a change from a family of such influence and affluence to live with the rate and wice - preferring to conform to the habits of those of scantier means, rather than enjoy the leevery and favor of the rich, to leaked the first and most costly furnished house in the county, to whatit alme an old castle whose vast halls and hollow towers trend no sound in the night, save the shill white of the wind or the worse of the rain and hail beating through its broken windows.

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In must not feel at all uneasy on this occount; for I always act the gentleman to every me, and all who possess a corres sending feeling with tune lien to apperehate it. If I am ever thrown with these who are so lost to all gentlemanly principle as to return harshness for gentleness or judeness for politimes, it is not my plan to resent it, but the rely to relieve myself of their company; and a man of the very best family may make himself so much of a heast as that his insults and criminations would be us more noticed by a gentleman than the backing of a cur. My habits and his were exactly the reverse and hence there was us unity of feeling between us. My being in the old College again to some does but in the least destuct me. Here I am secluded, as it were, from society and can indulge in study to my hearts content. Here there is us sirect lady like mif Lengie to here her musical vice, no gay visitors to occupy

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Of course all the news you will have before we get it - I am enjoying good health, but can't brook the idea of staging out of the cumy - A letter may reach me if you direct to Florence by way of Compland Law Une as Lingu

( George Meridyth Peek ) # 21

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My dear Ma,

Mr Brown, a gentlem of Florence who had been to Richmond without my knowledge, met me on the street some days ago since and told me my folks were all well. We had met Mr Tom Foster, our congressman, on the street in Richmond, who enquired after me. It seems that you had been enquiring of Mr Foster about me. It delights me to know that Mr F. will report to you that I am still in Florence attending to my duties in the College, and am well. I was delighted even to see a man who had been to Richmond, and more especially when he could give me tidings of my folks.

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Reports says that the people in Richmond are suffering for the necessaries of life. Oh! lion it pains me to entertani the least apprehension that you all are suffering for necessanis; I do not feel, when I think of it, that I can remain here an hour longer. If it is possible I will try an see you next Christmas – I would be delighted to see Willie on the streets of Florence this winter. I have young ladies enough here to occupy his time for some weeks, and, then, I will cross the river with him and present him to the Belle of the Valley, where he can enjoy himself and make any proporsition to Miss Sue he pleases, and she I am sure, will favorably consent. Or I will show him a lady whose father sold last week \$1000000 worth of good to the Confederate states, and more money than he knows what to do with.

My friends Miss Mollie has written Sis a letter but she wouldn't let me read it - (She is going down to nurse the wounded) Some of the wounded (from Juka) of Genl Price's army will arrive here in a few days - Of Course all the news you will have before we get it - I am enjoying good health, but cant book the idea of staying out of the army - A letter may reach me if you direct to Florence by the way of Cortland.

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Son
Georgie

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Beryville

Come to Hinchester to bring Br. Eddie & myself our clothes, if he needs any.

Ste might do it without any difficulty. B. almonds brother cometimes rides on horse back all the way from Bedford to see him. I have said too often what I need. Overcoats coat vest & parts. of tolerably good thick grey striff.

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( William Hope Peek )

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Berryville, VA

Octr 31.

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( William Hope Peek ) # 32

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Harrisonburg Sunday Afternoon

Dear Ma -

When I got to Gordonsville I fortunatley met a Captain of my regiment who told me it had been transferred to another brigade - same with the Old Dominions - and in Longstreet Corps. It was there he said in Culpeper - and I had to come all the way to Staunton to get my horse. I tried the Infantry fashion from there to the place where I left him and made the eight miles in good time & with little fatigue. I am now on my way to my regiment but when I'll catch it I can't tell.

Love to all -In haste. Willie

Thorne Alan. My dear Lis. was much delighted a receirmy two of your letters from Mir Smith, who had the bindress to bring them up to the College to me this morning I received another letter some days before brough the politimes" of the How. Thomas Foster, who was here in a weit at his brother house. Here is hardly any thing in these times of trouble that distuels me how than the great difficulty of my getting letters to you, while it appears that I am receiving them so often from you. Mr. Foster does not live in Florence, but wirenly suites as the other side of the sier and therefore it was about impossible for me to tele at what. line he would leeve for Richard Done letters this time are of very quest interest to me - our of the 7 the good oct, the dother of the 27 the Sept. Not having received Mr. Brown's letter (although & met him on the place and he told me about my folks) there was smeeting the on every frage Gering line seemed to be filled with news, which in other times would be starting, or touched upon family ) affairs that were extremely pleasurable. all how I thrilled me to read them! I was filled afternately with joy and sound I cherished sice more the long lost hope of seeing every one of your agains
fafe in the ferovidence of God, and then, in distrees, I thought of the loss of so many friends
and acquiritences, and the wonderful changes that are rapidly taking place in the land of my

9. S. Jele me what has become of Mary? The last time I heard she was de I muson pleased with pleased progress, and perhaps, will want to bring him out with me to educate. Ask him how he would like to po ath his brother Georgie to the West, or the South wet, what has becomed S.: Col. J. B. Cary! and the old Williams hung man, where name I have folgotion! - q. Scaple: and when I think of those dear ones that have fought and flest, and of those who fell in driving back the invader, when Richmond trembled before the power of the torthew hosts, I cannot help blaning impelf because & was not there to there my body too between you and the for . But more then all your letters seem to partake, in a quater degree than circual, of that loving spirit that has always characterized them ; and every one sums to join you in the expression of feelings that almost miles my heart. I was refered to see your well known hand, and my heart throtes with emotions of gratitude and affection, when I read Pa's own words addressing me in such fond terms; but how could I keep back the tears that filled my eyes , or sup-- press the deep emotion that almost chowheed me, when I read, for the first time in my life, lives written by my own nother addressing her In! I Attend ever was a time in my life when I blesty the folks at home more than it an other it was their when I read those letters.

under "Stonewald" faction, and plasing that honor and glory they as well deserved. While I am britis soon for the untimery death of all those young men from Homeston I am pleased to hear of their gallate actions on the bettle field. Col. West of the 15th Rgs. Vol. is here wounded from the army of the Soloman. He was wounded in the battle of Sometons, while holding in check the army of M. Spillano, Harper's Ferry, in the seems time, falling into our hours. It gives me are great planners to hear from my old state through

him. To hear him talk about Old Verginia is mongh to make me harrah the hispitality, the liberals the untiling energy, and the unconquerable spirit of the perfete of Vorginia", he pays, "have said the Vouch" Her seculive and state authori-- Tier are praised, her generals stand first in hourd rank and greatness, and her poldiers, rallying under the glorious old baunes of their restive State, have wow new and imperishable how on ever field, and demonstrated to the world the treet of the expression contained in these words of the part. Tic semples, tis the proud refrain That baffles minions back amain". In two letters that I have written lately. I gave you a file history of my adventures since the beginning of last vacation. My visits across the river where I was assested have always been very pleasant, and the perfale overy where honor and res Afrect me on account of the plotions old state from wh: I hail. The keiple Horris on the action side of the river seem to be very much pleased with me, and, in general, I am making about as much head with the ladies as a segemental- tolsmaster could be expected to do, when atter men are making themselves so much superiors by their bil-- heart deeds on the Latte field . In me of my letter, If you have received it you, pechaper, would expuch me to be in love with ming sur, but I think she

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dear friend of nine and has lately bein rendered

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( George Meridyth Peek ) # 22

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Florence Ala Nov 16 - 1862

My diar Sis,

I was much delighted on receiving two of your letters from Mr Smith, who had the kindness to bring them up to the College to me this morning. I received another letter some days before through the "politness" of the Hon. Thomas Foster, who was here on a visit at this brothers house. There is hardly any thing in these times of trouble that disturbs me more than the great difficulty of me getting letters to you, while it appears that I am receiving them so often from you. Mr. Foster does not live in Florence, but twenty miles on the other side of the river, and there fore it was almost impossible for me to tell at what time he would leave for Richmond.

Your letters this time are of very great instrest to me - ones of the 7th & 9th of Oct, the other of the 27th Sept Not having received Mr. Brown's letter (although I met him on the stree, and he told me about my folks) there was something new on every page. Every line seemed to be filled with news, which in other times would be startling, or touched upon family affairs that were extremely, pleasurable. OH! how it thrilled me to read them! I was filled alternately with joy and sorrow. I cherished once more the long lost hope of seeing <u>every one</u> of you again safe in the providence of God, and then, in distress, I thought of the loss of so many friends and acquanitances, and the wonderful changes that are rapidly taking place in the land of my people. And when I think of thoes dear ones that have fought and fell, and of thoes who fell in driving back the invaders, when Richmond trembled before the power of the Northern host, I cannot help blaming myself because I was not there to throw my body too between you and the foe. But more than all. You letters seem to partake, in a greater degree than usual, of that loving spirt that has always characterized them, and everyone seems to join you in the expression of feeling that almost melts my heart. I was rejoiced to see your well known hand, and my heart throbed with emotions of gratitude and affection, when I read Pa's own words addressing me in such fond terms; but how could I keep back the tears that filled my eyes, or suppress the deep emotions that almost choaked me, when I read, for the first time in my life, lines written by my own mother addressing her Son! If there ever was a time in my life when I bless the folks at home more than at any other it was then, when I read thoes letters.

I am pleased to hear that the old 32nd is under "Stonewall" Jackson, and reaping that honor and glory they so well derserve. While I am hartily sorry for the untimely death of all thoes young men from Hampton I am pleased to hear of their gallant action on the battlefield.

Col O'Neal of the 26th Ala Rgt Vol is here wounded from the Army of the Potomac. He was wounded in the Battle of Boonsboro, while holding in check the Army of M. Colelan, Harpers Ferry in the mean time, falling into our hands. It give me great pleasure to, hear from my old State through him. To hear him talk about Old Virginia is enough to make me hurrah. The hospitality, the liberality, the untireing energy, and the unconquerable spirt of the people

of "Virginia," he says "Love saved the, South." Her Exective and state authorities are praised, her generals stand first in honor, rank and greatness, and the soldiers, rallying under the glorious old banner of the native state, have won new and imperishable honor on every field, and demonstrated to the world the truth of the expression contained in these words of the poet.

"hic Sempter, 'tis the proud refraim.
That baffles minions back again."

In two letters that I have written lately I gave you a full history of my adventures sinice the beginning of last vacation. My visit across the river where I was arrested have always been very pleasent, and the people every where honor and respect me on account of the glorious old state from wh; I hail The Miss Harris on the other side of the river seems to be very much pleased with me, and, in general, I am making about as much head with the ladies as a regimental - school-master could be expected to do, when other men are making themselves so much superior by their brillian deeds on the battlefield. In one of my letters, (if you have received it) you, perhaps, would expect me to be in love with Miss Sue, but I think she would suit Willie better than me. Miss Mollie is still a dear friend of mine and has lately been rendered still dearest by receiveing a letter from you thus being the instrument through which I have heard from home. By this time you have received her letter in reply, wh; I shall wish to see, when I go home Christmas. But now I do not know whether I can make the trip at that time; for I will only have two weeks holiday, and if the cars are not running to Decatur it will take me a week to get home and a week to return, which will leave me no time to stay at home.

And now I cannot close without expressing heart-felt sorrow for those noble ones that have perished or been severly wounded in the cause. I often think of Sadie and Memry. Oh! that I could, as with a bound, place myself in your midst to share your trouble. A gallant fellow has Billie shown himself to be. I feel proud of him and do sincerely wish I was with him to share his dangers and honors. Tell Aunt Judy she has an heroic son. Her prayers were answered this time but - she must prepare for the worst.

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Your loving brother Georgie

(WRITTEN ON 2ND PAGE AT TOP)

Tell me what has become of Mary? The last time I heard she was ill. I am much pleased with Jessie's progress, and, perhaps, will want to bring him out to educate - ask him how he would like to go with his brother Georgie to the West, or the South west. What has become of Lt Col G. B. Cory! and the williamsburg man, whoes name I have forgoten? - G.

Cavaly Camp, Deer 9.

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( William Hope Peek )

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Cavalry Camp, Decr 9.

My Dear Sis,

Rather in obedience to Ma's injunction than that I have any thing to say I write this morning.

There is one thing however that I can say — and you all can testify to the truth of it — and that is the weather is intensely cold. We manage to get along tolerably well however with good fires and plenty of blankets.

The next day after a pretty severe snow we had to change camp and found the ground all covered. We spread down some clean dry straw pitched our tent - went to bed & wrapped up warm.

Perhaps I have not told you of my pretty little sweetheart at Orange CH. and how charmingly she sings "Kathleen Mavourneen" for me. She is spoken more highly by my aquaintances than any one else in the village. Her father is a successful - Dry Goods Merchant of the place - Some months ago her father's partner died and left his property to her and her brothers & sisters.

From what I have seen of her I think she will make a very good partner for life - and if I fail to get in the regular army after the war - Orange CH. will be a most admirable place to practice at. I have not in the least committed myself yet - nor do I know whether she is disengaged or if she will have me. -

I send 10\$ - please send me about a dollars worth of stamps & use the remainder yourself.

The infantry is so far off & they are so strict down here that I have not been able yet to see brother Eddie. I shall try to get to him soon.

Love to all - Willie

Direct letters to Fredericks Hall -2n Cavalry Fitz Lee's Brigade

## Camp 2 Valoralry December 12 1802.

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French 10 - Fitz Leis Brigade
Frenches Hall Depot.

( William Hope Peek ) Camp 2n Va Cavalry 2 3 pg ins) December 12, 1862 I must tell you all what nice friends I met with near our camp. While at the University rooming with Mr. Haley he & I went to Richmond to witness the inauguration of the statue & his sweet heart (now wife) with her sister Miss Emma Long travelled with us. Well I happen now to be near Miss Emma's home - and have been there twice, remaining all night last night. Besides she had sent me a basket of nice things and otherwise treated me very kindly. I am sorry however that we have got to leave here tomorrow and shall miss many nice presents from her. They are killing their hogs & if I should be near in a few days hence I will get a nice present of Sausage. My great regret is that I haven't Bro Eddie and Billie along with me to get some of the good things. They always put us so far from the infantry on account of forage that it prevents all visiting. Dr. Davies has a brother down there too but he has not been able to visit him. We are having a just deal of sickness now & have had one death in camp. We changed our camp when the snow was on the ground & it caused a great deal of sore throats & some cases of Typhoid Fever. The man who died was not sick more than 24 hours & we had no opportunity to send him off. His disease was conjestion of the lungs. Some say we will go to Essex, some to Port Royal & some to Suffolk. If the latter is true I shall pass thru Richmond. I would like very much, if you all are getting tired of Soloman or Bob to have one of them with me. Tell Pigeon I would give her first rate hire for Bob. Mention the matter to Brother Johnny. At present I have to be beholden to others and it is very unpleasant. If I cant get either of those ask Pa if he can find me one among the Hamptonians in Richmond. You recollect I wrote down on this subject while in the Hospital at Manassas but the circumstances of the case are different now. The Yankees shelled Fredericksburg yesterday. The firing was very heavy indeed. We are 20 miles off and of course dont know any thing of the particulars. If Bro Johnny can let me have Solomon mention the subject to Daniel & find out if he agrees. He can get him back whenever he chooses -Love to all, Affecty Willie Direct to Fitz Lee's Brigade Fredericks Hall Depot

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( William Hope Peek ) Camp 2 Va Cavalry # 35 28 pg wild Caroline Co. Decr 20. '62 Dear Sis, Your letter was handed to me just as I was going to mount - and I read it while in the saddle between our old camp in Spottsylvania and this place. You seemed to mainfest a great deal of anxiety about Bro Eddie and fear that I would not see him. At the time you were writing I was with him. As soon as I heard of the Battle (comming up was 15 miles off) I started at once - with some articles necessary for wounded, and after some little trouble found him. The men were drawn up in battle array waiting for the enemy's advance. It was a magnificent position and impossible to take. There was a crest covered with pines semicircular in form - and all in front the flats extended to the river. Our men Pickett's Division were posted on this ridge behind breastworks hastily erected. As soon as I saw the place I was at once impressed that there would be no fight there. I remained however all night with the boys & part of the next day. I found they had been getting along very well - and are better prepared to stand the winter than we are because we have to move so often on account of forage. I ate some of the cake and molasses you all sent to him from home. You must write me word about a week beforehand if possible, the day that Billy will leave so that I can go down and see him & get some good things I know he will bring with him. You say in your letter you don't like West Virginians - alluding I suppose to the sweetheart I told you I had in Orange CH. You must know that Orange is not in Western Virginia - but some distance this side the Blue Ridge and one of the finest counties in the state. Aunt Judy passed thro' it when she went to Culpeper. I wrote to her the other day in order to see what sort of letter she writes. If she does not answer my letter I think I shall let matters drop. I think Joe Ham has treated me very shabbily indeed. I don't say that because he refuses - if he does, to give me the recommendation asked for but he has even neglected to answer my letter. I certainly expected a reply from him. This is a very cold day. The wind blows very hard and we are on a very exposed hill. How long we will remain here it is impossible to say - not very long certainly on account of forage -You did'nt say anything about Bob or Soloman when you wrote. Is there any probability of my getting either or any other boy. Love to all - Affecty Willie P. S. I see Mrs Parrish's death in the papers. - When you write direct to Guineas Depot Fitz. Lee's Brigade.

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Son to all - William

( William Hope Peek )
# 36

Camp 2 Va Cavalry Decr 28 1862.

Dear Sis

I have received your second letter superscribed Frederick's Hall. it came to me while I was in bed one morning.

I have seen Brother Eddie again - he was just about to start for Fredericksburg with his regiment where they will act as Provost Guard under Col Montague Provost Marshall - a very nice place for them if perchance they remain there all winter.

Nearly all our cavalry has been gone now five days under General Stuart to see what they can find out and pick up among the Yankees - when they return it is currently reported that we will go into Winter quarters, at what place it is impossible to say.

The infantry still remain in their old position around Fredericksburg and near the battlefield. They are building log huts and otherwise prepairing for the winter. It seems strange that we should now — when the winter is one third gone, we should be just thinking about going into Winter quarters; but such weather as we have had so far is very pleasant; it is the rain and mud most trying to a soldier — and of those we have so far had comparatively none.

Christman was celebrated by us in a bowl of as nice Egg Nogg as I have seen for a long time but it required a great deal of exertion to get the nocatuials out of which to make it, and last night we supped on oysters thus winding up our frolic and good things for this year.

Billie and Bro Eddie had the advantage of me in that they can communicate home more directly than I can and thus accasionalyy get something nice. I am very willing however that they shall get them, for I believe I can get along quite as well with beef and flour as any body else can.

I hope our winter quarters will be near Richmond or Orange CH. so that I can either visit youall occasionally or my little sweet heart & my friend Mr. Houseworth. I think if you could see her and hear her sing once or twice you would be almost captivated yourself.

With the exception of a bad cold which troubles me some - and a little rheumatic pains about my knees I am quite well.

I want you all to send my trunk & flannel shirts with whatever else you please to put in it and if you will follow my directions I think it will come safe. Attach a plank board to it in some way and mark in large letters - Hospital Stores - Asst. Surgeon Peek - 2n Va Cavalry - Care of Capt. Turner - Quartermaster Guineas. and send the key in a letter.

If you make any nice things — tell me what they cost you and I'll pay you & a good percentage besides. I would like to have a few pounds of some nice crackers not these hard fellows. A man who gives 10\$ for ten stamps generally pays well for what he gets.

( William Hope Peek ) # 36 pg 2

If anybody you know is comming up perhaps they would take the trunk and put it off at Guineas marked above, otherwise you will send it by Express letting me know in either case when you are going to have it sent.

Direct your letters hereafter simply to me 2n Va Cav1 - Fitz Lee's Brigade without nameing any post office. I hope when you write again Uncle Jessie will be well

Love to all - Willie

Florence Ala. De0:29 4/8/2 my dear Sis, Man must ex-Cuso the lettle note paper that I am compelled to write on, for we have used all in Florence but this. A fine offortunety just now presents itself for writing to for come time wounded in Thrence will leave for Richmond in a few days and will better to pa. I shall write the Col. to go out and see you all and see you all and see you me. If the should go to see your respect and treat him like a prince; for he is my very

family late dinner on christ warm friend. And if you have received some letters that mus day at not Kins mother's-- in-law. She is an old duglish lady and had things done up I have written since oct you after the old style. A table will know that the Col has sichly loaded with cakes or reject done we the favor to appoint meats (what of them are could be oftime me to a position in his regiment. and tottle of home made wine stood in the parlor all the more and has offered me a post m his stoff lohen he becomes a - mg; and as often as me pleased a glass of write and a plice of cake went as well as ice creams Brig. Gent. Hence it is I wish him to be considered my bol. at Figgenie's. The dinner was and to whom I am ordered to as good as hard times could afford report in March.
Col O'Neal has a son who is
going on to Ja with me and when Thof Rice, as I have told you, is a true Virginian and a diving live get there of we are fortunate enough, we will together call at his house on the next day was done up according to the old Vorginia foshion that day was on mip Maria. He will not also distinguished by the arrival stay with me ; but has relatives of the Harris girls from the in Richmond whose claims have Valley - from sweet Rosedale all covered with rines and sub I have passed another rounded with flowers Mit Sue is my favorite and when she Christmas in Florence, a christ-mas which I firmly expedied seturns she will tole me along

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## MISSING PAGE(S)

( George Meridyth Peek )

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Florence Ala. Dec 29, 1862

My dear Sis,

You must excuse the little note paper that I am compelled to write on, for we have used all in Florence but this.

A fine opportunity just now presents itself for writing to you. Col. O'Neal who has been some time wounded in Florence will leave for Richmond in a few days and will prehaps hand this letter to pa. I shall write the Col. to go out and see you all and report concerning me. If he should go to see you please show him the highest respect and treat him like a prince, for he is my very warm friend. And if you have received some letters that I have written since Oct. you will know that the Col. has done me the favor to appoint me to a position in his regiment and has offered me a post on his staff when he becomes a Brig. Genl. Hence it is I wish him to be considered my Col. to whom I am ordered to report in March.

Col. O'Neal has a son who is going on to VA. with me; and when we get there, if we are fortunate enough - We will togeather call on Miss Maria. He will not stay with me, but has relatives in Richmond whose claims have presidente.

I have passed another Christmas in Florence, a Christmas which I firmily expect to spend in the bosom of my family. I ate dinner on Christmas day at Prof. Rice's Mother-in-law. She is an old English lady and had things done up after the old style. A table richley loaded with cakes & sweet meats (what of them as could be obtained) and bottles of home made wine stood in the parlor all the morning; and as often as one pleased a glass of wine and a slice of cake went as well as ice creano at Pizzerii's. The dinner was a good as hard times could afford Prof. Rice, as I have told you, is a true Virginian; and a dining at his house on the next day was done up according to the old Virginia fashion. That day was also distinguished by the arrival of the Harris girls from the Valley - from sweet Rosedale all covered with vines and surrounded with flowers. Miss Sue is my favorite and when she returnes she will take me along with her as I am invited to dine at her house on Thursday and to a party at Col Goode's on thursday night. There have been several little tea parties here during the holiday. But Miss Martin the lady of immense fortune but exceedingly delicate will perhaps invite me to her house within a few evenings; and Mrs. Wash. Foster will please the Mises Harris by collecting a few young gentlemen and ladies there. At both of these places I expect to enjoy myself.

There is in Florence at present a young Miss Sheraid, who is worth 75 thousand in money but she is monstrous ugly as to the nose, eyes and hair - indeed as to her face in general having yellow curls and grey eyes.

My Dear Sis I write in haste to beguest that you buspend operations about the transle for The present. It will not be long before we go who winter quarties and a can then get it with more certainty If you have sent it before you got this you will of course let me know. It is said we will winter at or near Houver Jewston . If That be true I way get to Hickory mee or twee long haveint you arraved my Inquires about setting a boy! Love to all Mis Maria State

(William Hope Peek)
# 37

Decr 30 1862

My Dear Sis -

I write in haste to request that you suspend operations about the trunk for the present.

It will not be long before we go into winter quarters and I can then get it with more certainty.

If you have sent it before you get this you will of course let me know.

It is said we will winter at or near Hanover Junction. If that be true I may get to Richmond once or twice.

Why have'nt you answered my enquires about getting a boy?

Love to all Yours Willie.

Miss Maria L. Peek

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( William Hope Peek ) # 38

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Camp 2n Va Cavalry.
Near Guineas, January 5 1863.

My Dear Sis,

I have received your of the 2n inst. I am glad to hear that Bro Eddie is going to contend for his position of Luientenant and hope he will succeed. Many artillery companies heve been disbanded in this army and all the officers retain their commissions and pay, in many instances too without performing any duty.

I wish I had known what my Bro Jno. would pass up on the cars - as I might have gone over to the depot - only 2 1/2 miles distant to see him. It would have been a fine oppertunity too for me to get my flannel shirts and trunk.

If Bro Eddie don't fall heir to the cake you spoke of I can't say that I care anything about it. In all probability you all at home would enjoy it more than I would, and unless you send it to him I hope you will eat it.

We have been having most splendid weather and been faring finely. Dr. Davies and Almond have just gotten boxes from home containing have, sausage, chine, eggs, butter, apples and dried peaches. This morning we had some nice flannel cakes for breakfast, not as good as I have seen them, yet very nice ones.

You have heard of the return of General Stuart - His expedition accomplished very little indeed - and taking into account the injury done to our horses, it was a <u>failure</u>.

Congress will soon meet now - and I hope you all will cultivate that member from Alabama - I may desire his assistance in some matters.

I have no more to write

Love to all. Willie

Hosence Lan. 7/63 My dear Ma, this morning Col. O'teal left-for Richmond, and before you see him he will be Brig Gent and your Mr. Slance will start in the morning for the same loved place; and I must hasten to drop you a few short lines by line. Mrs. Foster, our conques man, will also be in Richmond with the Col. Out of all these three gentlemen you will certainly see one who will report concerning your long absent boy. It was not at tale conversiont for rue to send the spicture, I promised in my letter by the Col., mr. Slauce, hit you shall seive it by the first offsor My dear ma, do not Think, it because I have not seen

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Florence Jan 7th 63

My dear Ma,

This morning Col. O'Neal left for Richmond, and before you see him he will be Brig. Genl. and your son will be on his staff.

Mr Slance will start in the morning for the same loved place; and I must hasten to drop you a few short lines by him. Mr. Foster, our Congresman, will also be in Richmond with the Col. Out of all these three gentlemen you will certainly see one who will report concerning your long absent boy. It was not at all convenient for me to send the picture, I promised in my letter by the Col. (TORN OFF) Mr Slance, but you shall receive it by the first opportunity.

My dear Ma, do not think ( TORN OFF ) because I have not seen you for so long that I have forgotten to love her, who has watched my youthful steps so faithully, who has sighed so often over my sick bed when my eyes have filled with tears as such unearthly devation. I own I have appeared negligent in giving you intelegence of me; but it was not from a decline in love for you, but because the circumstances of the case and the uncertainty of the mails that have cheated you and me so often out of that unparalleled pleasure of hearing from each other. I look forward with unfeigned delight to the few days I will be permitted to spend with you before I enter into actual service of my Country. I shall leave behind me many friends in Florence; but OH! I shall go to meet thoes, who are (TORN OFF) me than this common appreciation of friends indicates (TORN OFF) April is appointed for my leave, but the winds of March will sting my ears on my way to the residence in Sydney.

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I am now living at Dr. Brocks where Prof. Rice lived last year. Ma, you would do me a favor to enquire after the Rices of Northumberland Co. from there repersentitive in the legislater and transmit any intellegence you may gain giving there newes in full for Prof. Rice is uneasy. about his relative -.

Affectionately

Georgie

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exempt under the Conscript If nothing happenesto present act it was no other than and peace is not made Professor Rice who went to I will be with your within Teul. Wheal and represented six months weeks: so, if you me as conspitent to occupy don't receive any nide any position in the army letters from me please bear and urged my delicate conit for these short six weeks. - stitution as a reason why I I have not heard from sterold ought not to be a hone since the tottle of Fredprevate poldeer. The recent ricksburg. I fear to. Eddie of it was that O'real met me may be among the 1800 tilled in the pt and informed me and wounded; but I always look that he had appointed me on the bright side of every question ordnance officer in lingejiand so must you hereafter ment and would permit me Hive my love to all - and to winter "an Horence and Congratulate mis lungie When he became Drigg Gent. for me. Be prepared to tele would be pleased to have me me all the news when I aron his staff. Your offeet pother feet. I shall sent this letter by Col. Offical (He is called cometimes Yeal. because he was a militia general). photograph taken by De Segov.

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Florence Jan 15th 1863

My dear Sis,

Perhaps a former letter has told you that Miss Mollie had not received the answer of her letters from you, but is very anxiously looking for it. You must not think that because I use Miss Mollies name so often I have any serious notions in that direction. But she is the best friend I have among the ladies in Florence. She has faults which others can not over look and which martial against hermany enemies. Some few hints at her disposition and history will perhaps excite your sympathy as they have mine.

She is the daughter of a Methodist preacher, who died when she was very young. Her Mother followed him soon after; and then a grandmother who lived just long enough to spoil her succeeded. She once in her childhood enjoyed the favors of fortune and was the pet of a prosperous uncle who some time since has failed, but seems now to be recoving. She is as sensitive as the plant that withers at the touch, but strong in her attachment to her friends. She is quick in perciption and remarkably frank and open and being naturally of a wild and lively disposition she is frequently led into erros. While she is ready to forgive injuries, she possesses strong prejudices and a revengeful presence of its object, and which at one time almost enduced me to decline a friendship which her lively conversation and engaging maners had won.

She was taken sick while nursing the soldiers at Iuka and has been in bad health ever since. Hence it is that I have thought of her so much in my recent letters to you. She has caught a young sergeon at Iuka, who has been here to see her.

But now since I am on the subject of the ladies I must tell you what a nice time I have had lately. Miss Sue Harris you know is the charming lady of sweet Eighteen, who always has an extensive retinue of Majors, Captains, and lieutenants, who seek her company and favour, and I dare say, her hand. But Miss Emma Cassity is the young lady of sixteen, over whose tender years a pious mother cannot be to watchful. Between these two young ladies Dr. Young, our president, declares I am not capable of choosing. But I do say, as he does, that Miss Emma is the best, and the sweetest - and the prettiest lady I ever saw; but that mother of hers is looking after a fortune for her; and I, after an unsuccessful attempt in that direction, will have to charge the impregnable castle of Rosedale but to be barred from its walls with brused heart and mangled feelings. Then I shall fly to your embrace for consolation, right where my most lasting affect and trust heart are.

Give Jennie my love, & these girls here never make me forget thoes two girl at home, to be in whose presence for one moment would give me more presence for one moment would give me more solid pleasure than to enjoy a season with the Continued smiles of the others. But to the ladies of Florence I have spoken before and enough.

The first three days of last week I spent on a camp-hunts. Camp-hunts are very familiar to the people here, but I doubt whether you ever heard of one before so it may be well for me to give you a short account of my trip. The Tennessee is a very wide river at the Muscle Schools and filled all along its course for some miles with beautiful little islands some of which remain in a state of original wilderness. To one of these islands about three miles up the river from Florence we embarked for a camp hunt. We took along utensils and provisions for several days, bedding &C. The first island we encamped on was the famous Jackson island, and was so densely covered with cain-breake that it was finally resolved to vacate it and retire to Patton's island which was under cultivation, You may get an imperfect idea of a cain-breake by imagining a shole filled densley covered with garden read about fifteen feet high. The cain is evergreen and it is almost impossible to make one's way through it unless with the aid of an axe. These are the haunts of bears and wild hogs. We constructed us a tent out of cain crib for our bed the second night; and on the evening of the third day we returned to Florence with only five ducks and three squerrels.

Since I commenced this letter to you I have enjoyed the party at Mr. Washingtons Foster's; It was a supper given for the benefit of his son Wash who is a candidate for a lieutenantey in the "SlauceRebels" consequently the whole military company was present, and the ladies were possessed of at least two beaux a peice.

On arriving at Mr Foster's I was astonish to see a letter from you, which Dr Stewart left there. I am surprised to see you so anxious about my safety and welfare. In a time all communication was cut of you should have contented yourself with resigning me into the hands of Providence and waiting portiantly until communication was restored. And this morning Prof Rice, than whom I have no warmer friend, hounded me a letter of the same character I must confess that I am really anoyed; but do heartily excuss you on account of undue anxiety of loved ones.

Miss Mollie says I love to try you and brag about the love they all have for me at home. But nothing so farther from me. It is had been possible for me to get a letter or word to you Certanily nothing of the sort would have happened I am fully convinced of the high estimation I am held in at home and hither will I always look for a kind and loving reception. The Professor wishes me to answer his letter. And in reply permit me to say he has been as kind an friendly to me as one man could be to another. I lived with him first and I lived last. When I have no home in Florence he took me in the very bosom of his family and I have many a time bounced his little ones on my knee and talked to his wife about the majestic Potomac and the grand old mountains and green field of the Old Dominion. If your letter to him had been filled with the warmest regards and the most heartfelt thanks for the many kind services he has rendered your absent brother, it would have greatly pleased me. After it became evident that I was not exempt under the conscription act it was no other than Professor Rice who went to Genl. O'Neal and represented me as compitent to occupy any position in the Army and urged my delicate constitution as a reason why I ought not to be a private soldier. The result of it was the O'Neal met me and informed me that he had appointed me ordnance officer in his regiment and would permit me to winter in Florence and when he become Brig Genl. would please to have me on his staff.

(George Meridyth Peek) # 25 pg 3

I shall send this letter by Col. O'Neal (He is called some times Genl. because he was a Militia General) I will also send by him my photograph taken by Dr Dryor.

If nothing happens to prevent and peace is not made I will be with you in six week; so if you dont receive any more letters from me please bear it for these short six weeks. I have not heard from home since the battle of Fredricksburg. I fear bro Eddie may be among the 1800 Killed and wounded; but I always look on the bright side of every question and so must you hereafter - Give my love to all - and Congratulate Miss Georgie for me. Be prepared to tell me all the news when I arrive -

Your affect Brother Georgie

(ON BACK)

Col. O'Neal will stop at Mr. Rulerford's and Pa must go to see him, if he does not call on you. I have been very kindly treated at his house.

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( William Hope Peek ) # 39

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Camp 5 Miles from Hanover C H. Jany. 15 1863.

My Dear Sis,

I am almost certain that you have so timed the sending of my trunk as to cause me to lose it. If you sent it as you said on wednesday I shall never see it.

Now I wrote to you Christmas eve or even before giving you directions and if you had sent it on at once all would have been right, but instead of that you wait 3 weeks, why I don't know - after I am 30 miles from the place you intend to send it to - and as a matter of course it will be broken open, its contents stolen & the trunk destroyed.

But suspecting something would be wrong I wrote a day after & requested you not to send the trunk at all - till you heard from me. I am much obliged to you for the spirit of accomodatoin & can't complain if you have done your best, but if you had followed my directions all would have been right.

We are now only 23 miles from Richmond & will probably remain here some time, so if it is not lost I may yet get my trunk.

Dr. Davies is home on furlough & Dr Almond in Richmond to stand his examination so that I am very busy. Mr. Berry has returned and affords me much pleasure.

We are about making some preparations for the winter - now it is half gone.

My congratulations to Mary & Luiet. Tabl.

Love to all Willie

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you have received a single in consequence of a mar-- siage that is about to be call letter; and you low must bated in our midst It is have twillen many times but mile Georgia Foster to Capt. as I have said no letter Kennedy of Missipipie has reached me since the It will be only about me Mil Emma is to wait on her. Oh, how I expect to feast my month and a half before eyes when she appears in I shall take up my much her waiting hatit be young for home, and there I will Days she is the prettiest and not be parmitted to remain most queenly looking lady but a few weeks, before I he ever saw. Now imagin fin Gent. O'Veal in the army how I shall enjoy sugself of Tinginia. when I see her. The wed ding sequence to write you - The and midal fearly is all Lennessee has been swollen the talk in toin. Accost a by the late vairies and the groupe of ladies on the corn-Jun toals are expected by some of the street in the evening, but it is not generally believed and guess their subject they care get as lifeight wife the of conversation, and it will river til the water vises be the what are you going to ware? higher the town is thrown The gentlemen are equally into a lettle commolion espeinquisitive asto whether each cially accord the young other is invited.

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( George Meridyth Peek ) # 26

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Florence Jan 25th/63

My dear Sis,

Much have I desired to hear from you of late. The letters that I have received all date previous to the battle of Fredericksburg, and as I receive no papers from Richmond I cannot tell who is killed or wounded amoung my dear friends and relations. Long have I looked in vain for a letter, but I am so accustomed not to hear from home for such long intervals in succession, and then to hear that all is well, that I still console my self by thinking that Providence is still favoring you. I have written, but doubt - whether you have received a single letter; and you too must have written many times but as I have said no letter has reached me since the battle of Fred; s, burg.

It will be only about one month and a half before I shall take up march for home, and there I will not be permitted to remain but a few weeks, before I join Genl. O'Neal in the Army of Virginia

There is no news of any consequences to write you - The Tennessee has been swollen by the late rains and the gun boats are expected by some but it is not generally beleived they can get so far up the river til the water rises higher. The town is thrown into a little commotion especially among the young in consequence of a marrige that is about to be celebrated in our midst - Its Miss Georgia Foster to Capt Kennedy of Mississippi

Miss Emma is to wait on her. Oh; how I expect to feast my eyes when she appears in her waiting habit! Dr Young says she is the prettiest and most queenly looking lady. he ever saw, Now imagine how I shall enjoy my self when I see her. The wedding and bridal party is all the talk in town. Accost a groupe of ladies on the corner of the street in the evening and guess their subject of consersation, and it will be "Oh", what are you going to ware? The Gentlemen are equally inquisitive as to whether each other is invited.

Dr Brock, the gentleman with whom I am now living, is a perfect gentleman and treats me with much politeness and favour He married a daughter of old Virginia, her parents emegrating here when she was quite young. So you see I meet Virginians every where, and well may the people think much of Virginians; for I have always found them the purest gentlemen and ladies. And now my Sis, it looks bad to send you but this little sheet, but only a few short weeks will pass before I expect embrace you in person. I send you a kiss right in that round mark [Explanation - SMALL CIRCLE DRAWN ON MARGIN] and much love to all -

I'm very well - The articles you once wrote for cannot be had here now -

Your aff. brother George.

my dear Ma, I have requested Col. O'theat to drop this letter in the post office as soon as he arrives in the City. He will stop at the Spolswood House and will remain there two or three days. It will delight me if Pa or brother formy will go immediate - by and hunt him out; and press him to spend some time with you. He has done me many good offices, and permits me to remain in Horence until the winter is entirely gone. So I will not be with you so soon les I auticapate in the letter have contin you by him. Spril perhaps will see me with you.

The Col. is a small man not. larger than I am perhaps, with short grey hair, a sharp hard looking face and heavy mustache nicely Trimmed. He wares a greay uniform coat with his colis mark on his arm and three stars on his collar. He looks a soldier every inch of him and would be noticed in a large crowd His mustache are preg if not dyed - Pa will know him if he seev, him from this discrep tin. He will give you a letter but not my photograph as it comed not be finished in time - I am with much love to all your aff. Son George ( George Meridyth Peek ) # 27

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## NOTE

(TWO PAGE LETTER TO MA WRITTEN ON SMALL NOTE PAPER; MATCHES OTHER LETTERS WRITTEN BY G. PEEK IN JAN 1863 - (NO DATE ON LETTER.) FROM FLORENCE ALA.)

My dear Ma,

I have requested Col. O'Neal to drop this letter in the post office as soon as he arrives in the city – He will stop at the Spotswood House and will remain there for three day.

It will delight me if Pa or brother Jonny will go immediately and hunt him out; and press him to spend some time with you. He has done me many good offices, and permits me to remain in Florence until the winter is entirely gone. So I will not be with so soon as I anticipate in the letter I have written you by him. April perhaps will see me with you.

The Col. is a small man not, larger than I am perhaps, with short grey hair, a sharp hard looking face and heavy mustache nicely trimmed. He wares a grey uniform coat with his Col's mark on his arm and three stars on his collar. He looks a soldier every inch of him and would be noticed in a large crowd.

His mustashe are grey if not dyed - Pa will know this description. He will give you a letter but not my photograph as it could not be  ${\it f}$  finished in time - I am with much love to all

Your aff Son

Georgie

## Camp near Culpeper CHS

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Yours Willie

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> Wm H. Peek Asst. Surgeon 2 Va Cavly.

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Yrs. W H P

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Judge Moore is an excellent gentlemen and a man of great infuence; but enticely destitute of Military knowledge. The College is almost entirely gone down composed of only 11 students in the Collegiate department and about 15 in the preparatory department, and by this time you know I am prepared even to command a regiment; for military tactics about every thing else has been my study. I tell you there's no telling who'll be a major before next July.

Tell Pegie I shall never know how to repay her kindnesses. I shall not be in want of money any more from home, as the College is endowed and the pay of the Professor will Continue, if they have only one student to teach.

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Give my love to all

I have never received any letter Either from Jennie or Aunt Judy. Since I have been here, except the note Jennie wrote me in your letter.

Your aff bro Geo. M. Peek

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( William Hope Peek ) # 42

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Write soon - Willie

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Camp 26th Ala near Guinea's Sta Saturday morning April 1863

Dear Sis

We arrived in Camp before twelve on the day we started and found Col. O'Neal quite sick, but has been removed to a private house in the neighbourhouse.

The prespective of his promotion are, I think, rather poor. Noticing the condition of his regiment, the discipline of his camp, and some reports I hear. I can but think he will not be protected. I express these things very privately and would not have them repeated for any thing in reason.

I had a talk with the Col. to day, and he says there is no doubt of my getting a position, either with Gen Stuart, or in the ordance department where I can be assigned to duty in the field or on post. It will be necessary however, for me to stand an examination for the latter position. You will therefore get Charly to see the Lt. Tucker I introduced. him to and get him to send me the book I hope to stand on. It is probable, if I have to study, that I will be home in a week or so.

Capt Priest of this Regt. will carry this letter to Richmond and will remain there on business for some days. He will stop at the Spotswood

Ask Cousin James what he thinksof a position with Stuart and the one in the Ordanance Dept., And if he can aid me in getting letters from distinguished men in Richmond. The Col. thinks I will be comfortably situated. He is a man for whom I have the greatest respect, and do hope he will succeed in his effort to be promoted.

My love to all - Excuse this short letter, will write longer - at some other time.

Ed send his kindness regards.

Georgie.

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Camp near Culpeper April 10 '63

Dear Sis

When I got to Gordonsville yesterday I heard we were going to move today and concluded not to go to Charlottsville, but come on at once to camp.

We will move tomorrow - our destination is a secret. It seems however to be well understood that we will cross the upper Rappahannock and go into Fauquier. What may be the object of the move I cannot tell. We may be going into the valley or into Loudon.

Every thing is going on very quietly in camp - and this life is a very dull one.

In reply to my application for promotion the Surgeon General informs me that Dr Davies is still on the records as Surgeon of this regiment & that there is no vacancy. He has received no official notice of his death. In a few days I will get the invitation.

The amount of cloth given out to our regiment was 10 yards - so my chance is just none at all. I'll have to look elsewhere for my share.

Love to all - Is not Georgie's regiment the 26th Alabama

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Camp 2n Va Cavalry Near Sperryville April 17, 1863

Dear Sis,

Since I wrote my last letter we have travelled over considerable distance and counter marched more than is agreeable to a man of my tastes with a poor horse in his teens.

We left Culpeper CH. for Salem in upper Fauquier which we reached after two days march. We were much delighted with the change and though we would fare very well over there as the country still contains much forage and a very respectable supply of bacon eggs chickens & such commissary stores -

We remained at our camp two days nights and one day and started to go still further on. We had marched I suppose 200 yards - when a report came from Stuart that the Yankees were making a demonstration on Kelly's Ford and we were ordered back across to Amissville in this county (Rappahannock) so as to be in supporting distance.

We remained there a day or two of the most disagreeable weather imaginable & were ordered to Culpeper CH. to assist Gen W.H.F. Lee's brigade - We had only gone 3 miles through a cold driving rain when we were ordered back. After spending another night we took up our march to this place.

We got here last night & this morning about 4 o'clock we were ordered up to meet the approaching enemy - but it proved to be a flase alarm and now we are in camp again.

The Yankees failed to get across the river. Our sharp shooters in the rifle pits drove them back. The men swore they would not cross till our men were driven out of the pits. They tried to shell them out but it was no go. We brought some our artillery and they retired & took up camp near the river where at last accounts they still were. This little skirmishing was done by the other brigade with a squadron of our regiment which was on picket there. We had no man hurt — one or two horses killed.

Where we will go from here it is impossible to tell. We will certainly not remain here long. We are most of us hoping to return to Fauquier or even as far as Loudon.

If Dr. Brockenborough has not sold his horse - get Bro Johnny to offer him 500\$ for him and I will give Uncle Jesse 400\$ for his if he wishes to bill him. I must have another or I shall soon be on foot.

They are very high and still going up - several here have been bought lately for up to 6 hundred dollars -

When you write continue to direct your letters to Culpeper CH.

Love to all - Willie

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( William Hope Peek )
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Camp 2n Va Cavalry Culpeper CH. April 23

Dear Sis,

I have at last received my invitation — but it is to appear before The Board at General Lee's Head Quarter's — That is not so pleasant as another trip to Richmond would be. I shall go down in a few days now — expect to stop a day or two at Hanover Junction with an old frind of mine who is Medical Purveyor there.

I am sorry to say that I was mistaken about the cloth - I can't get any yet awhile - tho' it is probable I may get some - I would like much to be in Richmond about the 4th or soon after. I suppose will make some sort of display over his wife.

We are having dreadful weather and what is worse still I am suffering under another attack (slight) of my sickness I had in Richmond -

Love to all - Willie

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Camp 2n Va Cavly. April 25 '63

My Dear Sis,

I hope to be in Richmond in a few days and I request you to forward this letter to Billy Stores. I am anxious now to get that Boy Billy - and I can ask the Capt to send him to Richmond to me.

If he is in Richmond and has not gone to the 32n get David or Charlie to try and see him for me. He promised to come with me if I should wait for him, as he preferred the Cavalry to the infantry.

I have grunted and groaned for 3 days over another attack of My Congestion of the Liver - I am a little better to day. I shall try to run the blockade to Richmond in order to have a day or two for reviewing before I stand.

Yours Willie Aure 11-183.

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( William Hope Peek ) # 48

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June 11 - 1863

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We will not long remain quiet but advance in all probability.

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Love to all Willie

Sampsons Flarm near Herryster-Enne 22 1863 Dear Sister I shad expected you would Come werther before this but Thow been disap - pointen Ana shall look no longer for a letter but take up the ola proved out of sight out of mina but not so with me there is hardly a day that I do not think of your ale particularly Gourself and Brother Lefter I donit. expect ever to see you again in this world but if met I thust in god to meet you in Heavin in hope of his I expect to die Which I come very mear with before last, whin out fishing The cance sunt with me about 300 goods from the share the wind was very linger I swam as long as I could and the Turner on my back wither to flout to the show or drown being examplea when I after floating sometime the touces bottom bonder and was safe. But lost my pocket book with about \$50, in it was cent I have to some my life and come up to the a danny tolerably will Some Tank Min James Surgeon from Cherapeds Hospital was looking

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de la has left ocone for me to wite I will drope you a few lines I am not very well at present but hope you we all well I heard that diary got my faller and have been expecting to hear from you all but have not lell her the must answer my letter very sown, Joclin Frank & Allen have ben very hind, little Sannett is dead she died on the mint of June in full hope of glory she was a great sufferer she was such there weeks and was ill two weeks all her talk was about you and Uncle Jessee and the Secest she said if thele Jesser was to witered her she would get well, but so as perfectly willing to die and go to be ford, she sent her love to gon all and said you must meet her in heaven she talked so much about you she said she loved you dearly, Those live Doctors I have mentioned attended her and were very attentive they are two very nice gentleman Cannell went a walkering in May and the nest day she was sick but went with Pa and Ma to Unde Billies and did not send for any Roder but she still continued to get sworre so we sent for there Dodons they had been coming here before visiting they came and pronounced it

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Simpsons Farm near Hampton Tune 22nd 1863

Dear Sister

I had expected you would have written before this but have been disappointed ann shall look no longer for a letter but take up the old proverb out of sight out of mind but not so with me there is hardly a day that I do not think of you all particularly yourself and Brother Jessy I do not expect ever to see you again in this world but if not I trust in god to meet you in Heaven for that happy place I am trying to live and in hope of it I expect to die. Which I came very near week before last, when out fishing the canoe sunk with me about 500 yards from the shore the wind was very high I swam as long as I could and then turned on my back either to float to the shore or drown - being exausted when I after floating sometime I touched bottom and was safe. But lost my pocket book with about \$50. in it every cent I had to save my life and came up to the house. Jenny left but I am again on my feet a doing tolerably well. Dr. Clark the Yankee surgeon from Chesapeak Hospital was looking at me all the while I was in the water and certified to Gen. Dirc how I lost my pay got me another.

Doctor Clark & Allen have been very kind to us indeed. Annie will now write.

## Dear Aunt

As Pa has left room for me to write I will drop you a few lines. I am not very well at present but hope you are all well. I heard that Sisy got my letter and have been expecting to hear from you all but have not tell her she must answer my letter very soon, Doctor Clark & Allen have been very kind, little Jannett is dead she died on the ninth of June in full hope of glory she was a great sufferer she was sick three weeks and was ill two weeks all her talk was about you and Uncle Jessee and the secret she said if Uncle Jessee was to attend her she would get well, but was perfectly willing to die and to go her Lord, she sent her love to you all and said you must meet her in heaven she talked so much about you she said she loved you dearly. Those two Doctors I have mentioned attended her and were very attentive they are two very nice gentlemen.

Jannett went a bathing in May and the next day she was sick but went with Pa and Ma to Uncle Billies it was a very warm day she was taken very sick complained of the headach we thought it was a common headach and did not send for any Doctor - but she still continued to get worse so we sent for those Doctors. they had been comming here before visiting. They came and pronounced it the brain fever. They were very kind indeed to us. they brought us ice and every thing that we needed and did not charge a cent for any thing. She was buried very nicely except she did not have any one to read over her but Mr. Coliar one of our old Hampton men, Tell Aunt Mollie I have seen Fannie and Washington, they are living at Deneris keeping store, she sends her love to Miss Mollie and the children and Miss Jannett. I have seen Mammy Mary Irving she looks like old times has not altered one bit she

sends her love to all of you and says she wants to see you all so much she says give her love to her children and tell them she is well and wants to see them very much says tell them to write to her, old Aunt Mollie is dead I suppose you have heard it before, tell Sissy to write me all the news to write a long letter nothing affords me more pleasure than to receive a letter from any one of you all, I must now close as I have taken a long walk and am very tired give my love to Sissy Aunt Mollie Uncle Jessee and to all of my Cousins give my love to Lizzie Addington and Maria Jett and tell them to write to me. I wish I could be with you all so much inquire after Uncle Georg Watts for me and Mrs Whitings sons, you will much oblige me by so doing write as soon as you get this Ma, Jessie, and all the children send their love to you all. Nothing more good bye your affectionate Niece until death Annie E. Hope

let me here from you all soon tell Sissy to write tell her she must not think because I am down here with the Yankees that I have turned Yankee. I grow stronger Southern every day I am sertainly a Rebel, Rebel is the righious name that Washington bore and why should not we have the same Good bye write soon Annie

## July 12 1863

This is a very rainy day and being in the house with nothing to do my mind naturally returns to you all would to god I could see you once more. Oh sister you know not (and god grant you may never know) the difficulties one has to contend with in an enemies lines. Our dear little Jannett is no more she died on the 9th of June a bright and happy christan exhorting us all to meet her in heaven. For some days we thought she only had a common headach but after giving some medicine and finding no relief I went for Drs Clark & Allen who pronounced it brain fever and gave her every attention but to no effect she still continued to get worse finding that she could not live I thought it better to tell Ma which I did and with all the faith and confidence I could command pointed her to Christ the only saviour of mankind and in the most simple and earnest manner directed her to the hope set before us in the gospel and could you have been here to have seen with what earnestness and prayer she seized promise of god and how happy she was through suffering in body her mind was full of the glory of God such triumpth of grace I never witnessed every one who saw her thought it was the most astonishing manifestation of devine grace ever seen. Whenever her pain would permit she would either say to me that her Lord was calling her angles waiting to conduct her to heaven or exhert us to be good christians and meet her in a better land or repeat her prayers with all the earnistness of an old soldier.

Sometimes she would call Ma and myself to her side and say that we would not have her long to take care of and then she would talk of Aunty Peek & Uncle Jessy and beg me that I would write to you both and tell you how happy she had died and that you must not let this evil war make you forget God and that I should tell Uncle Jessy he must love God and meet her in Heaven! I could not begin to tell you all the many interesting things she said about you all

And to show how perfectly happy she was and how fearless of death about 6 hours before she died she called her Ma and told her how and in what she should be laid out in where she sould be buried when she would die &c &c making all her arrangements as if she was about to take a long journey and with all the

coolness and mimcia of and old head, truly the Lord has taken her to himself as another to bind us to him and may his grace ever keep us close to his bleading side. Sister pray for your poor unfortunate Brother that he though unworthy may be kept by the power of God unto salvation.

Farewell Farewell your brother Good Bye

P.S. I would write more but have not room and cannot send a very thick letter I would write 50 pages if I could tell me all the news need not be affraid the yankees will see it - for they will not those too xxx ... Doctors very often ask if we hear from Rebeldon but we say NO

Dear Cousin Sissie as I have written a few lines to Aunty I thought I would write a few to you also to let you know that - we are all well at present except myself I am not very well at present. I received your very welcome letter bearing date June 30th and was very glad to hear from you all. You spoke of Lee's Army and said you did not know where they were I can tell you they are in Maryland and Pennsylvania playing wild rook with the Yankees. The Yankees have been up to Richmond but are now retreating back again they admit themselves that they met with warm reception. I was very sorry to hear of the fall of Vicksburg. The Yankees bragon it terrible they say that they will soon conquer the south, but God will save the south. I was very glad to hear of Cousin Willie promotion but was very sorry to hear of so many deaths among our poor Hampton people. Sam Phillips was a prisoner down here but has been exchanged. Tell Mrs Rodd that Billie is with Mrs Smither he comes to see us very often. Mrs Smithers has been a very kind friend to us she stayed with us all the time that poor dear little Jannett was sick she told me to ask you if you would be so kind as to forward this letter to her sons for her it is already directed where she wants it to go you will much oblige her by so doing, write to Uncle George Watts for me and tell him to write to me tell him that Aunt Margaret his wife is in very bad health not expected to live long, has the consumption very bad. Mr Adler is in Baltimore have heard from him twice has been very kind to us. the Yankees have a very fine Negro School in Hampton over (300) scallars and three white teachers. My dear cousin I hope we will live to meet once more but sometimes I think I will not today I got a spider in my ear stayed in there three hours and was very painful but got it out again I thought I was going to die but I hope if we never meet again on earth I hope we will all meet in heaven where there will be no Yank ees. Jessie sends you a few lines the first she ever wrote. I have no news worth relating as everything is very quiet except the army coming down on the Pennsular they are sending all their troops to protect Washington but it is rumered that Lee has retreated back to protect Richmond but I do not believe that. You must write soon again nothing affords me more pleasure that to receive a letter from you all, Pa & Ma and all the children are always talking about you all and say they want to see you very much please write all send love tell Uncle Jessie to write to us also when you write tell me all the news like you did before give my love to Maria please write as soon as you get

202 Ord Rosell's Bregnell Carliele Denne June 28th 03,

Dear Peck-

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(letter to George Peek from Ed. A. O'Neal, Jr. C.S. Army)

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Hd. Qrs. Rodes Brigade Carlisle, Tenn June 28th - 63

Dear Peek -

Enclosed you will find a letter to yourself, which was received soon this morning, Spruce yourself up now - it from the "Queen. "!!!!

I can see you now, when you get it - jumping up and dancing around your room and ending by vaulting over your bed several times. Yes the long looked for has come at last - I first thought it was from my sister, and opening it found it was from her, But I suppose you have no objections to it. I was delighted at seeing it, although it will not satisfy you - I know. We got several letters from home today. One dated the 11th of this month. All were well and I heard all about the boys. Jack & Wash both wrote me long letters, and gave me an account of the fight. It was a most outragous affair - A force of Yanks not larger than Roddys surprised the town and burned the factories and a good many houses - Ma - Sonie Neall Portlocks & I'ugrahas shops - They searched our house - took my gun and one of them came into the house and cursing Ma told her he intended to burn her house - He started towards the door with that intention and Ma followed him, scared nearly out of her wits - when Dr Young opportunely came up to the front gate and seeing Ma's situation started in. The Yankee turned round and raised his gun and told him he would shoot him if he attempted to come it. Dr. Y. protested and finally quited him, you may well imagine Ma's fright, I am glad I was not there as it would have exasperated me too much. It is just like the Dr. He is a noble man and I hope to be able to repay him for his kindness -

I expect to go home soon. Col John T. Morgan of Ala. has been appointed over this Brigade and of course Pa will resign. He has not come yet, I wish he had come, Ma wrote me that Pa would start on the 15th for Va. to see us. If she comes you must let me know all about it, and tell here where direct.

We will have a fight in a day or so you must write one all the news. Nash has his fine horse shot - Jack writes to Pa that he wants to "burst asunder the bounders that fired him" and be an officer, cousin Alex also wrote me a long letter - nothing else I believe - All are well - Love to all your family -

Truly your friend Ed A. O'Neal, Jr

Sunday we marched all day and got here on our way to Jackson while is just across the mountains - we are more at the foot of the Blue Ribe. and as some of our Devision (Ewell's 12000 strong) has give on we sy pect soon to go and fight a battle with Bunks in which we will refeat him. When we accorde our round have alick ( a ) Registed. that he need I show thate out to look for support and we did 20 - whit & c sentlemain home color said he would die to his last coul with a Hamptonian or a marylander. He gave no a splended supper, invited us to cting all night or come to breakfast in the morning. which latter we did - who suppor the next day - Hi same, us some bis cuits which accept put in his naversuck the some kind friend stole them from him. · since we have been here aliek of have slight out on the ground and finely tor. for one lie pritty dere together . and sent warm all night at present it threaties orin very Strongly but my tent is pitched + I can keep day wit-If we have to march this it will be very had for me-I wish I had my leggins and my cap cover- They would kink one dry. I sent to Smalthing by young Habry for an oil cloth and to get my Shectachs muched wh. I accidentally broke my first night a slight cold which I had before I found the agriment. I corole to mer Houseworth to sand his will for board to Pa. donn to all -. Willin -Tuesday hurning.

( William Hope Peek )
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When we reached our camp here Aleck (Halsey) suggested that he and I should strike out to look for supper - and we did so - went to a gentleman's house who said he would devide his last crust with a Hamptonian or a Marylander. He gave us a splendid supper, invited us to stay all night or come to breakfast in the morning which latter we did - also supper the next day - He gave us some biscuits which Aleck put in his haversack but some kind friend stole them from him.

Since we have been here Aleck & I have slept out on the ground and finely too - for we lie pretty close together and keep warm all night.

At present it threatins rain very strongly but my tent is pitched & I can keep dry in it. If we have to march thro' it will be very bad for me. I wish I had my leggins and my cap cover - They would keep me dry. I sent to Lynchburg by Halsey for an oil cloth and to get my spectacles mended wh. I accidentally broke my first night on the ground. My health is pretty good. a slight cold which I had before I joined the regiment. I wrote to Mr. Houseworth to hand his bill for board to Pa.

Love to all -Willie -

Tuesday morning.

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Make Sis write often -

Yours affectionately,

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( William Hope Peek ) # 50

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( last half of letter after Battle of Gettysburg )

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Yours affecty W. H. P.

Head Quarters 2000 Va. back July 19th/63 The Peck Esy's hickmind Ca Dear Six It is my painful duty to anounce the death of your son Dr wortheach some of our regt He evas taken on the morning of the 12" july about & velock with congestion of the liver, at 3 red P.M. same day, went into a stuper and remained in that state until 8 's record on the morning of the 13th when he breather his last. The had every attention and all that medical shill could do for him. Our army was falling back at the time pressed by the enemy, which sendered it impossible for an to bring his body to Visginia. he was interes at Williamspork M.L. I have charge I his effects which I will dend to you. the first opportunity. Very Risht The 1-Douglass 2000 la cart

( William Hope Peek ) # 51

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Head Quarters 2nd Va. Cavl. July 19th/63

Thos. Peek Esq. Richmond Va.

Dear Sir,

It is my painful duty to anounce the death of your son Dr. Wm. H. Peek of our regt. He was taken on the morning of the 12th July about 8 o'clock with congestion of the liver, at 3 o'clock P.M. same day he went into a stupor and remained in that state until 8 1/2 o'clock on the morning of the 13th when he breathed his last. He had every attention and all the medical skill could do for him. Our army was falling back at the time, pressed by the enemy, which rendered it impossible for one to bring his body to Virginia. he was intered at Williamsport M.d. I have charge of his effects which I will send you the first opportunity.

Very Respt. Thos. V. Douglas Hospital Steward 2nd Va. Cavl.

## Thursday Rug 7" 1868.

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(letter from Maria S. Peek - Sis) to Charles

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Thursday Aug 7" 1863..

My dear Brother

Your letter in answer to my last was received tonight. I feel the loss of our noble brother more and more. We have sent Billie to the army for his trunk wh. would be a precious treasure to us, but he could not find the regiment, it having gone out on a scout and consequently his trunk has not reached us yet. Billie says there was not an officer in the Regt. with whom he was not intimately acquainted, and not a man who did not love him. We received a letter of sympathy from C K Mallory a few days ago, saying that he could fully appreciate our suffering from the loss of his noble boy. We have had a very bloody fight recently at Brandy Station but none of our friends were there. It was reported some time ago by Bob Curtis who was here wounded that Jesse horse was killed and Jack Wray severly wounded all of which is untrue.

Bro Johnny has been very much troubled recently on account of going in the army, the bakery having been taken from him at last, but he has succeeded through the influence of Col O'Neal in getting a fine clerkship in the war department. Col O'Neal, Georgie's strong friend of much political influence in Ala, has been staying with us for some days. He is endeavoring to be promoted, and expects it today. His son is also with us. You need not trouble about the calico, as we have gotten some. I was glad to hear that had no use for liquor, I hope you will promise faithfully to yourself never to drink away from home. Be careful and if you deserve a reward you will surely get it. Try and be a christian, may God bless you. Daniel will send you some papers tomorrow. Ma says take care of yourself and write often.

Devoted Sis

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Sept 3 -1863.

Dear Charley,

Your letter was received some days ago, but with it I received two from the Army pertaining to Willies effects, and therefore I hurried there as quick as possible leaving your letter unanswered. We have received our brothers trunk. Would to God we could have received him in our arms in stead! His ring and watch were received with his trunk &c They received me at the Army with much respect as the brother of their late Surgeon-whom they say was very highly respected and appreciated by the whole regiment.

You ask about the cloth. Well I have assertained that I can not draw from the Q.M. because he has none - So they Say - So then if you want cloth you had better - buy on wait till you come to Richmond if you think there is a chance of your getting here. But you need not be uneasy I can always get cloth from my purser, who is a great friend of mine.

You should, however, wear your old coats and pantloom on ship and save as far as possible your nice uniform clothes.- One good suit of uniform with some other odds and ends should lost you at least 12 months-

We are all well, Ma will make you collars and will have any clothes made you want

Billie Stores has been to see us. and so has brother Eddie since Willies death, or I may say in language that better expresses the deep affection of my soul - "Since God heth taken away our idol" But let us revive Mr Berry Says "His life was that of a consistant christian he could not have asked any more from the most strenious advocate of the cross - He was blameless" Let us endevor to meet him in Heaven.

Good bye.
Your aff. Bro. George

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(letter to Mrs. Janet Peek from Mary Ann)

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Warentin N C Sept 6th 1863

Dear Janet,

This is the second time that I have written you within the last few weeks. My letter has not yet reached you as I know you would have answered. I am deeply grieved Janet more so than words can express to hear of dear Willie's death, but I know you are <u>aware</u> of my deepest sympathy without any outward testimony of it. We must endeavor to recognize the hand of Devine Providence even in this cruel desprensation. In this, your hour of trouble and afflection. I long to be with you, I too am unhappy and miserable. Here I am in a strange land and among strangers compelled at times to smile or be plesant when my heart ackes. I was in hopes some time since of returning to Richmond this fall. But now that is impossible as the cost of board are far beyond my means.

We are still with our kind friend Mr & Mrs Womood, I feel sometimes almost dependent as I know they cannot make anything at the present exortatant prices for provisions and board is for \$30 a month - They seem to be perfectly satisfied and will not consent to raise our board.

James received a letter from Mr Gammel last night saying that Mr Charles Mallory had written for him to go Liberty Va. and have kindly offered to assist him in getting some employment then - He expects to go there this week. Does he expect an increase in his family? I am inclined to think so, because Maria never writes us a line, do write me word if it is so. I sincerely hope that I am mistaken. How is Pigeon? How I would like to see her! Tell her Lizzie says she must have written to her long ago after so comelly and wilfully breaking her promise to Mr. H — she knows that you all have lost all confidence in her and would not care to hear from her. The dress is yet unmade. I think she was perfectly justified in changing her mind in the matter, when I see you I'll tell you more about it.

Gus Lee a young midshipman, on the Patrick Henry, was here a few weeks since, through him we heard from our little Georgie, you can't imagine how proud I felt to hear him so highly spoken of. Tell Sissie to write one very soon and tell me of every member of the family. It would be much a pleasure to me to hear from you all. Do not forget to tell me about Maria, I am very anxious to hear from her, you can get from Hamet the desired information. Please write me a long letter my dear Janet, and tell me all about yourself. I shall anxiously look for it. Lizzie & James desire to be affectionately remembered by you all. Ginnie is with her father, he will not send her to me. Do write as soon as you get this.

Love to all.

Sincerely and affectionately yours Mary Ann.

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(letter to Charles Peek from Maria S. Peek - Sis)

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Richmond Sept 10th 1863

My dear Brother;

I received yours of the first, on Monday and will be prompt in replying. The \$20 arrived in safety and your collars will be ready for you when you come I reckon, we shall not have an opportunity of sending them. George has some cloths here and Ma intend making a pair of pants also; the suit you spoke of wanting was for every day I suppose, and this cloth Georgie has is the very thing and enough for pants for you, Pa, and himself. Have not you been able to get a Jacket out of the Navy? Ma says you must spend your money for anything you need as she gets along very well now.

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(letter to Maj. George Peek from T.M. Moore)

Camp Battles Brigade Oct 3rd 1863

Dear Sir:

Your favor of August was received about the 20th. I was then expecting a furlough and had only money enough to carry me home. I regret exceedingly that I could not comply with our friend's Col. O'Neal's wish in sending you the money - I should have sent it any way and deprived myself of it had I given Col. O'Neal any reply to expect the payment of the note here - The understanding was that the money should be paid in Huntsville - I am now prepaired to pay you the money and I shall hold it subject to your order - Please write me what I shall do with it.

I have not seen or heard from Col. O'Neal since the letter you sent me - I am expecting some mews daily - There is no news, and I may conclude with the sterotyped telegram -

" All quite on the Ropedam"

With kindness wishes Yr friend

T.M. Moore

Maj - George Peek

Richmond och 4. 1868. my dear Brother, I will join Georgie in his letter shough I may not have a great deal to tell you How letter requesting the make of a tobucco bag was received, and the bag would have been made but for fais sickness. I shall make it next weeks. I am glad to say that fa is beller today; and sitting up. Liggie and aunt Figeon have gone to church. The former is as "bad as ever" and the house frequents - by reverberates with the count of her laughter or aunt Pigeon screaming at come of Lygie's game on "horth Calino" We had a lively farly here Thurs. - day night and a sociable lime in the basement. The homefolks" Drs. Conway, Goodlet, and Harris, with Liggie and Consin mary and composed on little party. Aunt ludy and lemie were were restirda; the latter not well having had the teth extracted that day. I hope you have gone to church this lovely · day, You must continue that good practice it will never cause you to be ashamed, How much · weller we could all be if we always kept before our minds the solemn built that Gods searching ege was upon us. I suppose you received lesses letter, of which he was very proved and towhich he expects an answer. He spoke of Billie Westwoods. being badly wounded. He has had a hemorage from his wound recently, and we consider him poor fellow "bad off." He says all his patriotism was shot away. We have not suffered from roques since I last wrote. In ducks are growing, and almost large enough to be stolen. When you come if bring a bundle to ma. Write - ovor Bio Som loving

(Maria S. Peek) (Sis) (to Bro. Charles) # 2

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Richmond Oct 4. 1863.

My Dear Brother

I will join Georgie in his letter though I may not have a great deal to tell you. Your letter requesting the make of a tobacco bag was received, and the bag would have been made but for pa's sickness, I shall make it next week. I am glad to say that pa is better today, and sitting up.

Lizzie and Aunt Pigeon have gone to church. The former is as "bad as ever" and the house frequently reverberates with the sound of her laughter or Aunt Pigeon screaming as some of Lizzie's yarns on "North Carolina" We had a lively party here Thursday night and a sociable time in the basement. The "home falls" Drs. Conway, Goodlet, and Harris, with Lizzie and Cousin Mary Ann composed our little party. Aunt Judy and Jennie were over yesterday the later not well having three teeth extracted that day. I hope you have gone to church this lovely day. You must continue that good practic it will never cause you to be ashamed. How much better we could all be if we always kept before our minds the solemn truth that Gods searching eye was upon us. I suppose you received Jesses letter, of which he was very proud and towhich he expects an answer. He spoke of Billie Westwood's being badly wounded. He has had a hemorage from his wounds recently and we consider him poor fellow "bad off" says all his patriotism was shot away.

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Florence, Ala

Oct 19th A.D. 1863

My Dear Peek:

Not a word - message or any thing else have I received from you, since I left the "Old Dominion" I hardly know who ther you are still in the land of the living. The Southwest has resounded with the clang of armies, and the unceassing boom of Artillery, for the last two months, and even now the country is awaiting in breathless anticipation, the result of the contest in the mountains of East Tennessee, Virginia the mother of states and heroes has extended a helping hand, and the far-fawed heroes of the Rappahannock, are vieing with their less experienced brethern of the South, in dealing death blows to the wily and redouted Rosecraus. The eagle of victory has already perched herself on our breathern, and soon our foes baffled and beaten will be compelled to seek refuge on the banks of the Ohio. God grant that this much to be desired end may soon come, and our beloved country be forever free from the descrating foot of the invader. Procrastination - the root ofall evil, has heretofore been the course of our Western Army, but now the word should be forward! And never stop until every foeman is driven from our soil. Our existance as a nation depends on it. Forebearance is nolong avirtue with us. The people are gloomy, and weary of this "never ending - still beginning" strife, and victory alone will revive their drooping spirits.

But I suppose you would much prefer, my telling you something new, but war & battles are the all absorbing topics now, and my 'dander' always rises when I get to thinking of Boggs course. Yet I will desist from speaking of wars & rumours &c and come down to matters - of - fact - incidents &c.

Old Florence still exists and like old Rip Van - Winkle is several months if not years in rear of all the rest of the world. We take things easy in the bliss of ignorance.

Care not "how the world ways" The Queen - of beauty - has arrived in Florence and her majestic form & steps, rivalling the Goddes of the Heavens - jaws - may be seen when "Twilight hour comes"- not gliding through the heavens - but quietly walking up Main Street. She seems to think a good deal of her friend May Peek but do what I will I cannot get her to say anything more explecit, But "faint heart never won fair lady "so "nil desperaudune"!

I wrote you and Tucker a long letter by Papa which I presumed you received. I told you if you recollect that I had been made Adj. of a Cavalry Regmt. that Jones was raising, but he has given it out after having almost completed it. I shall therefore join Sloss in a few days. I will have a easy time as you know.

I wrote to Tucker by Pa to get me a good pair of steel spurs, and I will trouble you to see about them. Also, when Pa returns to R - please impress it on him to find or send my saddle to me as soon as possible. It is impossible to get anything of the sort, there is nothing new here. Wash is still with Sloss. Jack is here - says he is a Lt - but I dont know of what.

You must write every opportunity. Ma & Lum send their love.

( on outside ) Your friend

Dr Y - has gone to Pulaski to conference Ed. A. O' Neal, Jr.

He speaks of you often.

Ha dris 6th ya Regs Camp seas Brots Va Dear Sir Goen letter of fit mes making marin concerning The death of your trother for Pule was received on gesterday was in charge of a Hospital at Billiams for M.A. when your brother was brought to me for med--ical treatment on the morning of July 13th\_ - was shocked at his condition and bruly graved to think that all attention had been delayed until he was past recovery - he was landyrely un conseined and survived about an hour The grave was marked with his name and rank, circumstances making I improsible to obtain any other than a plain Coffee. survey the wenter and spring of 1862 I was on duty both as manassa's and Gordonoville with your

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( William Hope Peek ) # 52

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Hd. Qtrs. 6th La. Regt. Camp near Bristo Va. Oct. 19th 1863

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst. making inquiry concerning the death of your brother Dr. Peek was received on yesterday - I was in charge of a Hospital at Williamsport, M.D. when your brother was brought to for medical treatment on the morning of July 13th - I was shocked at his condition and truly grieved to think that all attention had been delayed until he was past recovery - he was instantly unconscious and survived about an hour. - The grave was marked with his name and rank, circumstances making it impossible to obtain any other than a plain coffin.

During the winter and spring of 1862 I was on duty at Manassas and Gordons-ville with your brother and we often met since that - he was an energetic and most accomplished young physician, and by his death the Army has lost one of its most efficient officers.

In tendering any sympathies to his afflicted.

Richmond, Va. Oct. 3: 1863. My dear Charly, Your letter has been received Ponce days since and I have been so busy as to make me postfine its answer til how. I am now writing from the table in the bastanut at home - Ale are well except Pa who has been sich abed for some days but is much better this evening and we hope will be nit in a day or livo - Lizzie and Cousing Ensin James was with us last right and telles me to write "that he has received twenty four (24) letters from you and will accessed when he receives the wealy sail (25th) -He think you should study hard, especially the subjects I wrote you of in a fast letter. He know the goutleman who has the krince fal examiling to do; and thinks if you will dudy your position after the war nile be one of honor and much forofit.
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( George Meridyth Peek )
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My Dear Charly.

Richmond, VA. Oct 3, 1863

Your letter has been received some days since and I have been so busy as to make me postpone its answer til now. I am writing from the table in the basement at home - All is well except Pa who has been sick abed for some days but is much better this evening and we hope will be out in a day or two - Lizzie and Cousin Mary Ann are here enjoying them selves-. Cousin James was with us last night and tells me to write "that he has received twenty four (24) letters from you and will answer when he receives the twenty fith (25th)-

He thinks you should study hard, especially the subjects I wrote you of in a past letter.

He knows the gentleman who has principal examining to do, and think if you will study your position - after the war will be one of honor and much profit.

I am trying to get you ordered to the James river squadron in order that you may have a better opportunity for study. It will be gratifying to you to know that I stand very high in the estemation of my commander and my Colligues, I am also pleased with the report I get from you. When you shall stand your examination I hope to have greater reason to be proud of you. Remember that you have a chance now to recover the time lost in youth.

We are pleased with the situation of affairs in the west and that you may know the state of affairs there I will give an outline of the position of the respected Genl.

((There is an Ink drawn map by George Peek of Pea Ridge Mission Ridge & road to Chatt. Tn.))

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F. Federals

On the days of the battle Longstreet forced the enemy back and penetrated to the junction of the two roads to Chat. Cutting off Rosecrants retreat. on the left the enemy were forced over "Pea Ridge" and Mission Ridge to. W. Chickomauga, but during the night Rosecrants - retreated through the country to Chat. leaving his wounded artillery and many prisoners in our hands. Now he is just upon Chat. with only that dirt road over the Cumberland Mts. from which to get his supplies, our artillery commanding every road besides. Now I predict that he will make a desasterous retreat across the Mts. but will not be capatured.

I am &c-Your Aff brother. Georgie my Gran Rick:

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(letter to George Peek from Ed A. O'Neal)

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Florence Ala. Dec 8th 1863

My dear Peek:

It seems almost a century since I saw you, and you have not even written one word to notify me where you were, and what you were doing. I wrote you when Pa returned but have had no opportunity since. Since I wrote tremendous have been the bouts that have roused the West and still greater are coming. I, as I wrote you accepted a position as Adj. of a Regmt. Y.A. Jones was raising. But he eventually gave out the idea and I was appointed by the Col Couwdy. This department of concripts as Provost Marshall of this place. I held that position until a Yankee army under Genl Sherman made their advance to this place where I "lieuberd" and then ended my career a P.M. I remain there without any occupation and not lacking an inactive life, joined Capt Sloss' Co. Johnson Regmt. and have been with it ever since, I crossed over to this side of the river two or three times while the Yankee army was passing. I was not captured however as some others. Jack Foster who had risen to the dignity of Lt. is now in Alton III or somewhere else on account of being too daring and going to sleep with Frank F. & Jack Richman in a house seventeen miles from here. I have a very good time - here from home everyday & get here about once a week. The service is hard. Never to sleep in the air & rain and march frequently at night. Yet its decidedly better than Va.

Last week the yanks made araid into town and captured Maj Bertwell Ins -Gen of Braggs Staff - who has been paroled - Lt. Jim Andrews of Roddy's Staff - Antony Foster & several others night before last they captured John Neakly & Billie Pettus. So you see the Florence boys are dwindling down. But I am going to give them a good race if I can before they get me. Wash is with me and we are as thick as ever. They say he is to marry Ida Nesoon. But it is not so for the present. Also they say Miss Sallie N - is to be married. Another false rumour. I wrote you all about the reports about the Queen &c before. They are still current and it is currently reported she is to be married, but not immediately. She is looking very well and always speaks affectionally of you. I have been unable to discover anything more. But I expect you have let some other Queen supplant her ere this. There is nothing of interest occurring here. The towm plods on in an ever way first with Yanks and then Confeds. I am here on leave for six hrs and our Regmt is camped 10 miles below. More going up into town in a day or so to rout a nest of Youis and expect to have an exciting time of it. Lou Sloss is going out to R - soon. He will be there some time this month and I want you to go and see him. He has promised to purchase me a nice pipe and for fear he should forget it I will get you to assist him in selecting it. We have a new brat in the family now and Ma of course thinks it is the beauty. She says you look very natural sitting on the parlor mantle & she dont intend to let the Yanks get it. See Tucker & tell him to write to me. I would write but havent time, Nothing new, Be sure and write a great long letter by Loui Sloss. Present my kindest regards to your people. All send love

Yr aff friend

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(WAR RELATED LETTER. WRITTEN TO ONE OF THE CHILDREN IN PEEK FAMILY, FROM UNCLE GEORGIE. GEORGE PEEK BELIEVED TO BE IN HAMPTON, VA)

Sissie

You say cousin Wm. Hope is wandering from house to house please tell him that he had better come down here and live with me. That I will get his farm which is now occupied by Mr. Ripley for him and we will go there to live and farm jontly which will be better for us both or else if he will not come send me a deed for it and I will take charge of it. and see to its being taken care of. The Yankees take charge of all property left by our people except there be some one here who have deeds of trust upon it and then the holder of the trust keeps it, and if Wm will either come of send me a deed his farm will be taken care of, other were, the Yankees will take it they are now taking all the wood of and there is little fence on it and all the timber is cut from the farms joining on all sides and unless something is done now it will not be worth much.

Mary Swung Alias Mary Thomas sends her love to you all - and desires that you should let her know how her children are - ect ect. I am now doing pretty well living, at Simpson's farm have the best looking corn in the county very good. potatoes.

Good bye your uncle George.

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Greensbord fan 17 1864 When your welcome letter seached me some two or three weeks since, of was in bed with one of my old newsalgie headaches, which lingered some days and then left inflamation in my eyes which was very annoying and prinful; that combined with the brothle and confusion of moving to our new home left me very little time to world. And is have fit so depreped and low sported for some weeks that I reavely felt like conting ford feel sadden christmas than any other season of the year, it was only a day or two before it received your letter that it remarked to est Hope I would like to blot that season from the calendar, and my menning too. Each year it have hoped would be that last it should have to opend alling strangers, and so far away from home, but I have given up almost all hope of the war ending in my lifetime, and if I can only get enough for his all to eat at shall be transful. I think of have great cause to be thankful for the many blepings I have enjoyed since I left home, while so man have her very comfortably fixed all the time and end before we commenced housekeeping, and we came and hope

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ever to be again, In several days together we would have range and therewas such a fine there too, nothing sit before us but what was called bread but and he was very kind to us. I loke this place tolerab it was nothing but flow, and water mixed up and the ly well the intradicants have been very polite and some Init half baked it was a lough you might pull half an of There quite find to us, but at think there is a very here is it would not break, that break and a little beided. Annow with ment about here and the North fred meddlig and sometimes one theken, for half dos landinians too live money and to make niney, the lig en resplanation we paying high brand. It don't know hest people at making a bargain I ever met. I am what is would have done but for being able to get provider every day of five that I am a Virginian, no peop and cooking them in our rowns. Wil this line we are very compatilly, housekeeping, The chiciner has just come in from play in the In bhisman and Mr Hope have senter a house with nearly all de and are keeping up such a jabber about ten acres of land and we have a cow and a gre ing that it expect to have to put this up, they are at many chickens and espect to saise dange quante is well now and dennie very much grown, Name ties of vegetables. He have made very warm friend is very fat and probust has always been much post of last year, the and offer Anderson, they have helped eventy the way drepes like the little nearses no in a great many ways such as fiving bed chother and use the home, dark homespun aprins, yel flannet and woollen homespun for the Hope who is noo low rollon drawers and homeknut stockings and on a visit to them about twenty five miles from this I am vint thankful to have such comfortable place, they are very much allaches to all of us, but alothers for them, and most of it quen them expecially to all bope, seem to feel towards him as if by talks Andrewer. Jennie is a great talker and he was a near relation and want always to be doingasts questions that would king Colomon. elannie in being able to semain in Asiehmend all this time Benge's young children and cases for nothing in it is horrible this moving about so often; I should the world except something to eat and her have liked to remained in Harreston during the was Marriana. I can't send tellie my congratul at liked the place, and the people were more like disign at the faith of her third doughtest for it rea

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(letter written to Sissy

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Greensboro Jan 17th 1864

My dear Sissie

When your welcome letter reached me some two or three weeks since, I was in bed with my old neuralgie headaches, which lingeres some days and then left inflamation in my eyes which was very annoying and painful, that combined with the trouble and confusion of moving to our new home left me little time to write.

And I have felt depressed and low spirited for some weeks that I scarcely felt like sorting for I feel sadder at Christmas than any other season of the year, it was only a day or two before I received your letter that I remarked to Mr Hope I would like to blot that season from the calander, and my memory too. Each year I have hoped would be the last I should have to spend among strangers, and so far away from home, but I have given up almost all hope of the war ending in my lifetime, and if I can only get enough for us all to eat I shall be Thankful.

I think I have great cause to be thankful for the many blessings I have enjoyed since I left home, while so many of our acquaintances have suffered in mind, body and estate, I have been very comfoatably fixed all the time and enough good substantial food until about two months before we commenced housekeeping and we came near suffering for something that we could eat than I hope ever to be again, for several days together we would have nothing set before us but what was called bread but it was nothing but flour and water mixed up and then not half baked it was so tough you might pull half an hour and it would not break, that bread and a little fried middling and sometimes one chicken, for a half dozen people, and we paying high board. I dont know what we would have done but for being able to get eggs and cooking them in our rooms.

At this time we are very comfortable, housekeeping, Mr Chisman and Mr Hope have rented a house with about ten acres of land and we have a cow and a great many chickens and expect to raise a large quanity of vegetables. We have made warm friends too of the family with whom we boarded, the greater part of last year. Mr & Mrs Anderson, they have helped us in a great many ways such as giving bed cloths and flannel and wollen homespun for Mr Hope who is now on a visit to them about twenty five miles from this place, they are very much attached to all of us, but especially to Mr Hope, seem to feel towards him as if he was a near relation and want always to be doing something for him. Your family has been fortunate in being able to remain in Richmond all the time, it is horrible this moving about so often; I should have liked to remain in Warrenton during the war I liked the place, and the people were more liked Virginians and there was such a fine physician there too, and he was very kind to us. I like this place tolorably well the inhabitants have been very polite and some of them quite kind to us, but I think there is a very decided Union Sentiment about here and the North Carolinians too lure money and to make money, the biggest people at making a bargin I ever met. I am prouder every day I live that I am a Virginian, no people in the world like them.

The children have just come in from playing out nearly all day, and are keeping up such a jabbering that I expect to have to put this up, they are very

well now and Jennie very much grown, Nannie is very fat and robust has always been much more <a href="healthier">healthier</a> than Jennie, they are dressed in real country plainest dresses like the little negroes used to wear at home, dark homespun aprons, yet long cotton drawers and home knit stockings and I am very thankful th have such comfortable clothing for them, and most of it given them by Mrs Anderson. Jennie is a great talker and asks questions that would puzzle King Solomon. Nannie is fat and very much like, one of your Uncle Georges young children and cares for nothing in the world except something to eat and her Mamma. I cant send Mollie my congratulations on the birth of her third daughter for I really feel sorry for her and think its a pitty if she will be so patriotic that they are not boys.

Tell your Ma I am not patriotic enough to endanger my life for my country so far away from her and Uncle Jessee and there is no chance of her having any little Cousin James Barrin as long as the war last. My health has been very good since I came to this place until the very cold weather of (?) neualgia. Capt. (?) will bring his family to Greensboro the first of next month to board about a mile and a half from town, he is now on a visit to Mr Andersons with Mr Hope and Chisman, he has been staying with us several days since his return from Warrenton.

I suppose you have heard of the marriage of your Cousin John Hope they passed through this place on their bridal tour I called to see them she has a very bad mark on her Jaw something like Miss Betsy Tentrep but not quite as bad, she is quite pleasant and is worth about fifteen Thousand dollars.

Dear Sissie tell your Ma she need have no fears about your Cousin James forgetting her, she is too intimately appreciative (the meaning of) with her dear mother, to say nothing of the kindness and affection she has always shown us, not to be remembered with pleasure and gratitude. I very seldom hear from any of my friends on the Peninsular, dont believe a word of Mrs Burehen and Tally Lively being married she is a girl of too much sence and taste for that. Give my love to all your family, including brother Johnny and Jessee.

write again soon to your ever affectionally

( NOTE WRITTEN ACROSS FIRST PAGE )

Dear Cousin Jannette

I cannot let this love letter afterward go without writing a line to send my love to you all & tell you that I have not forgotten you - I never shall.

James

Lui calone dun 12 1844 Du Siv; (My sow down has low a cadet at The ala. Mil. Uneverty for 18 months; and now descres to join The haval School at Richmond. Please with me at blest Point, mit what Sleps he Will how to lothe to pt aposetion in that Schind-He is 16 years old to day, all grown, of good Physi: cel developement. good menals, but rather full of fun and Agear, to culligerent outs property in his accademical Studies-He would like to get out on the Ocean ow our of Our rational Wesels, but Spresum theis too young for such duties I have written to the How Poll. Walther Secration ferris This state to apply for aplace for himo -If you how any punto cucalar or Calalogues & aciel be ablyed type for a copylether will the suft Lind Commence ? daw very respectfully Jour alt sol. Nex & Mu Peck Ino S'Kundy Cest taesSiprithinghagen

(Letter written to Georage M. Peek, while on the "Patrick Henry" from Capt. S. Kennedy, L.A.C.S.)

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Tuscalousa Jan 12 - 1864

Dear Sir:

My son John has been a cadet at the Ala.  $\underline{\text{Mil}}$ . University for 18 months; and now desires to join the Naval School at Richmond.

Please write me at <u>West Point, Miss.</u> what steps he will have to take to get a position in that school. He is 16 years old today, well grown, of good physical development - good morals, but rather full of fun and I fear, too indiferent acts perfect in his accademical studies -

He would like to get out on the Ocean on one of our national vesels, but I presume he is too young for such duties.

I have written to the Hon R.W. Walker Senator from this state to apply for a place for him.

If you have any printed circulars or catalogues I will be obliged to you for a copy -

When will the next term commence?

I am very respectfully Your Obt Sal.

Jno S' Kennedy

Capt L A C S -

Prof G.M. Peek Richmond Va

Janich 32 no Reg! man Vincelle Lunday July 30th 1864 -My line During ic. il syreche to lende Thelse to Richmend in the morning to I Auc mile you a that note, et am Monty Well, We we having a voury het linie indere, He have to the Elex in am sound the tell would the Law to do officerously hor the havine I we deport their file Description Conthing amains first in our frente if the are permetted to Italy in There are will have gotte an Ency time for I done things that the Energy weeks in Unich with The manual to frant the had an execularion in confinement for desertion, have good hims from Charles Recently Test Progre I Horded if he evould Come Come To Lee me the beamin comes with

to a short distance of the time Buch in will my love to all his 320 defining your South The Constant There is Egren Tive note of hours witten to ken popular you have more my stables the you Brown lokat toide with of will Be revise much obliged if you Will Land The a few they Carlandity millibe Dany acceptable The Carried get anything of the but the first whit with Can berry from the Mucholity, which one enomiously highest a liece for meno about the light walnut wir wing they the in propoling to very lance at that Bell ingelf mers together ain e He make a lettle going la go way affet: Eader

(Eddie Peek) #3

2 pg pensil

Camp 32nd Reg Near Vencelle House. Sunday July 30th 1861 [1864]

My Own Darling Sis.

Bill expects to send chelse to Richmond in the morning. So I will write- you a short note. I am very well. We are having a very hot time indeed. We have to keep close under our Blanket Because - the sun is so oppreserely hot. We hade some signs of rain. This evening everything remains quiet on our front, if we are permitted to stay on these lines we will have quite a easy, time for I dont think that the Enemy will attack our immeanent front. We had an Execution in our Brigade on yesterday a Soldier was shot for desertion, have you heard from Charlie recently, tell Georgie I would if he would come down to see me the steamer comes with in a short distance of the line, Bill is well. My love to all - has Bro Johnnie gone south yet.

Bro Eddie

Show Pigeon the note I have written to her.

If you have more vegtables than you know what to do with I will be very much obliged if you will send me a few - they Certanily Will be very acceptable. We cannot get any thing of the sort received here but what we can buy from the hucksters, which are enormously high & A peice of ounion about the size of walnut - and even the eyes in potatos are very scarce at that, Bill & myself mess togeather and we make a little go a long way.

Affet. Eddie

Dem Sir -You will oblige me by Collecting Luch Clothing and other valuables belonging to mis. Jones as you may find on board Ship and loving them left at the Dool-- ey's store in Richmond. Stir mother writer me that he probably had some silver . I sufapour the meant some small articles of felate). If such can be found . be pleased to have it put up in the same package with the clothingto i peroperty labelled ter your kissness you have my thanks oury holy yours. Brof. G. M. Peck. Oho . P. m. Candlesh

Seps 14 by.

Prof. G. M. Paks.

(letter to Prof. G. M. Peek on board Patrick Henry from Tho. P. McCandlish)

1 pg pencil

Dear Sir -

You will oblige me by collecting such clothing and other valuable belonging to Mid - Jones as you may find on board Ship and having them left at Jno Dooley's Store in Richmond. His mother writes me that he probably had " some silver " ( I suppose she meant some small articles of plate ) . If such can be found - be pleased to have it put up in the same package with the clothing & properly labelled - For your kindness you have my thanks -

Very truly yours -Tho. P. McCandlish

Prof G. M. Peek -

Sepr 14 ' 64

Tundan morn Dec 18, 1834 dear man ment on the Ship Saturday and the sain prevented. I am particular en ainsions to see hime, for I am contident he will get an invitation to the wedding (to the earthing part!) brown a remark willie Cansey made to me last might. He asked me if Georgie was at home. I told him he was and head holidays. He faid he wanted to go out monday to see him, Tell treorge to slang at home all day for good will not be able to get here and he will probably want. Tell Brother Johnny his invitation is not to the house, huster did hu Petherbridge get one to the house, and you never saw such a distappointment and mollie and I have both

received once and are antici. - pating a happy time at the table! Beorgies Wraps are here and are beautiful. He must certainly support their Luesday night aunt mollie returns sincere thanks for the meat. you ought to have sent the glass and comb by bolomon Love to all affectionately I write for the glass and comb. in George and & forgot he had not been house The livking glass out of The lettle novem and my fine with comb in any glating drawer - boot be arrang alexant four the we are: expecting him every minute

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( Maria S. Peek ) ( Sis ) # 3

23 pg pencil

Sunday morn

Dec 18,, 1864

Dear Ma

Georgie and Jesse went on the ship Saturday and have not yet returned. I suppose the rain prevented. I am particularly anxious to see him for I am confident he will get an invitation to the wedding ( to the <u>eating</u> part ) from a remark Willie Causey made to me last night. He asked me if Georgie was at home. I told him he was and had holidays. He said he wanted to go out Monday to <u>see him</u>. Tell Georgie to stay at home all day for goodness sake. Some of groomsmen will not be able to get here and he will probably wait. Tell Brother Johnny his invitation is not to the house. Neither did Mr Petherbridge get one to the house, and you never saw such a disappointment. Aunt Mollie and I have both received ours and are anticipating a happy time at the table! Georgies straps are here and are beautiful. He must certainly support them Tuesday night.

Aunt Mollie returns sincere thanks for the meat.

You ought to have sent the glass and come by Solomon send it in tomorrow.

Love to all -

Affectionately Sissie

I wrote for the glass and comb by Georgie and I forgot he had not been home -

The looking glass out of the little room and my fine tooth comb in my glass drawer - dont be uneasy about Georgie we are expecting him any minute and he may stay all night if it rains.

Aunt Mollie says you must come in tomorrow or next day -

Steamer J. Henry. Tuesday night, . Dear Sis, As you are the adjulant gent. of the household like Gent. S. Cooper is of the confederate States termy, it is right and proper that I should ad-- dress the Department - chrongle you. Hele I hope to start from here on next Inday evening at 3 o clock P. M. in the C. gun boat "Kalugh", and if it will be perfectly convenient I would like for pome one to take my valice In case, however, it should be inconvenient finde endeuvor to leave it in charge of Helson, or nothing danner, as when I returned from the tattle field, it may go along with me. The organization of the school has not proquested any since I wrote to Daniel No more mention has been made of the Secretary; but I shall endearn to bring it up again by mentioning the neglect of the duties he should attend to and the want of things he should supply. hear that Come Barrow has relumed to the coly- of Cousin James were only here now Vaniel would succeed mimediately.

The "West First" came down to day on a grand excursion trip; but as the frolic was given by a dancing-school master, and the princi-- ple feature of the trip was to display to the public the great parfection to which that art has arrived, I did not expect to find you me of the party. The gentle mouner which gentlemen have of placing their arms about the waits of smeling not Hushing ladies, and the morocent way They have of Enclosing their ling white hands within their own ile-comport with that high and dequified manners which I consider the perfection of parlor education - what we used to lujay in our happy circle in dear old Stampton and what I enjoyed in the presence of my Comma The off. br. Georgee.

(George Meridyth Peek)
# 30A

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Dear Sis,

Stemer P. Henry Fuesday night,

As you are the adjutant Genl. of the house hold like Genl S Cooper is of the Confederate States Army., it is right and proper that I should address the Department- through you.

Well I hope to start from here on next Friday evening at 3 O'clock P.M. in the gunboat "Raleigh," and if it will be perfectly convenient I would like for some one to take my valise; In case, however, it should be inconvenient I will endeavor to leave it in charge of Wilson, or nothing dounted, as when I returned from the battlefield, it may go along with me.

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You aff. bro.

Georgie.

Whichmond Dec- 17th monday horning May , dear hear We received Tas letter genterday saying that he could not come up now-I emplore you have seen by the papers that there is now only one boat on the Rames River line and if low Eddie is not cirtain that there is a boat up on neit monday I am afraid he will not get here until Kinas night, as it now stands there is a boat ut only on every monday Wednesday & Friday You had bester send this letter That he many Know it in time

to make mangements to get There was a wedding and up here cerainly by christmes Eve on the other side a man We much certainly bring coursin was giving his wife a terrible beating, be staid Pussy up with him out in the porch listening Bro Johnny wrote lo Par gestirday at the brawl for a long and I emplore wed him how time, such as we never the children were. Tommy heard before. seems to be quite poorly . The affectionalely others are getting along right well. I am now enfoying the I wish charlie would Sweet strains of Elizar strong accept the invitation to melodiono voice. I am apaid spend the xmas with us grandpa has wined her up here. beyond secovery. I emplore and mollie received my letter my love to her and all the family, we have folly neighors om each side of us the other night on one side

monday night I had written this letter when Daniel Imprised as with a visit on monday and did not mailitas it willingon as soon by him as by mail and Region comminced bringht on her mincerned, Leiding raisons de are getting along bilisably well I unclosed a letter ger fink me, which was received longht. mit miny at hurportness his There day afterwood, Had not too Eddie better take the steamed from norticle runday night and got here monday monday monday.

(Maria S. Peek)(Sis) # 4

4 pg ink

Richmond Dec 17th Monday morning

My dear Ma

We received Pa'a letter yesterday saying that he could not come up now -

I suppose you have seen by the papers that there is now only one boat on the Jame River line and if too Eddie is not certain that there is a boat up on next Monday, I am afraid he will not get here until X mas night. As it now stands there is a boat up only on every Monday, Wednesday & Friday. You had better send this letter over to him by uncle Ned. so, that he may know it in time to make arraingments to get up here certainly by Christmas Eve. He must certinely bring cousin Pussy up with him.

Bro. Johnny wrote to Pa yesterday and I suppose told him how the children were. Tommy seems to be quite poorly. The others are getting along right well. I am now enjoying the sweet strain of Eliza's strong melodious voice. I am afraid grandpa has ruined her beyond recovery.

I suppose Aunt Mollie received my letter, my love to her and all the family. We have Jolly neighbors on each side of us. The other night on one side there was a weeding and on the other side a man was giving his wife a terrible beating. We stand out on the porch listening at the brawl for a long time, such as we never heard before.

Affectionally. Sis.

I wish Charlie would accept the invitation to spend the X mas with us up here.

(ON REVERSE - PAGE 4)

Monday Night

I had written this letter when Danial surprised us with a visit on Monday. and did not mail is as it will reach you as soon by him as by mail.

Aunt Pigeon commenced tonight on her mince meat, seeding raisinsec.

All getting along tolerable will In close a letter Geo sent me, which was received tonight.

Affectionally Sis

Meet Tommy at Newportnews Thursday afternoon, Had not bro Eddie better take the steamer from Norfolk Sunday night - and be here Monday morning

Richmond Va Friday Morning My dear Ma & Par

Daniel which to leave this morning about two oclock on the train and will remain in "horfolk til Laturday morning, We got here brilly early monday morning, Bro dohumy was at home with headache they were all down in the garden and came running up as soon as they saw the earninge, and we were met with a hearty welcome They looked for no miday and Pegever had her cleaning done, chickans

hams se sand. We will more in town next weeks exhib- to move the earlieto and things we do not much out here before them, is that wice will be got here only one more Lunday. Lyla has been rick ever since the has been home with old and fever, homing had a chill being before. gesterding and was with wich, he has stops school again, out will don't com down with Hannel my love to and molling and ansin Puss, I wish they were up here Do enfor the nice things me are looking for comin

Pues Imas, They say I shall not go home then but must stain all the minier. How in Prophet I hope you are latering good eare of him and will not find him much trouble, an Johnny got a letter from Georgie two mights ago, De was very well Take care of all litters for me, and damid will forward them. make derse mile, very affectionately Fissie

I am sorry I dod not have a bag of those your polations for aunt Prover, she seems anyword to get some. Bro dolume wanto some s clay banks, and I think a box of muli and potations will be very acceptable she will send your time bucket by his Eddie. and Pigor Sends her. love to all;

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Breensborugh Me. Huly 22ms Dear Jack Mours of The 17th came to have yester-- day. The Defines agt, here days that it is well known at The Hieronome office that There are No packages at This office which have been here over to week, everything having bein Shiped about a week ago. He remembers nothing about your package but Thinks it may be in Danville. ville. At the group have been doing all in our power to fine a place for you. but so far have been lin-- two expel. Hope has been to look at a place I heile from lown which has been advalined for tall the thinks This place will hot built you as The buildings on The Mase are very in I had a universation with a gentleman to day, who has a plan for tale of The following description. 6 Miles from greensborough 2 Miles from a depot on the Picarion I. M. 200 acres, I'm cleaned, semander well timbered. Acceeding, tolerally good. 8 soons 3 fine places, time of The sures quite Small, con Kitchen Stoble wit I buste house, home repairs needed to dwelling. Hildren & Stable. Enclosure not good, Jana hat This water plentiful. I get this description from the owner of the place; whom I truow, and I believe him to be a reliable man, his price is \$15,000- det me know inmediately whether or not, from the description, you

Thinks This place will his you, I have not sien it Nor can I as I am so constantly employed as to be unable to go angulare. I have been refluen but once en quing with The hope of fending a place that yours buly Marion Certbert, P. S. & fired your business with lehis man & Hope come go har the last . who is a place for oute of it entire ing mer in their to the season that was a second war was the let the source of we are as the pass , were win Tirees delegan in its and tooks come while sion down the least some sugar to receive to te ching the steen I doller in server to ger it I am the Think of the last them I have a livery of the He to the main our mer is to be the continue the suite of some hope in the second to be the

Canden Lany 39806.
Dear Brother. 16 a Dec? is first received. I must acknowledge to very small neglech in not uniting to you or any of the forming at Nample for a long time. I have been postfrening from day to day so lone, that it has really become a habit to nigher that duty. The principle reason hower is that I have been a fresh deal bothers and amorpio in my busing for live time part which has tacht one out of Arts. During the Summer I had made up my mind to more back to Lattle Rock, and take possession of the old Rapley hornestead (whenders enamed)

I had continued to sell my Scource and lot here for 500 and made all my annipul to move back to the Rock about the 1st Dear last but as I was about to another final steles for the sure, the quite man to when I had sold refused to comply with the contract on the ground that I dear not have a chan title to the place. The hard I huchased it from during the love sold under the proviscous q a were which has lately becerne involved in a lan suit - to I cannot have and have disappointed in my plans & arrangements. This has thrown me back a food deal, as I had given up my business, here, and find that I have to make

a our Start again. Busines in this Country has fallen mumea. Queatly below what we all expecter, in consequence of a facture of the Color Crobe our main dependence - and also in ausequence of the unsettle andrewer of the County politically. I am however monaging to make out tolerable well. I am now basing my calculations of futur luceus whom a Rachood antisping which wie av enjuged in. I am Seentay of the Road with a Stalay of \$ 2.500 ( the bay however is centeryout upon the ambiany of being able to procure a order from from the Clase which How is proble from for believing with he done. If they Enlectings is lucceriful

I will be able to make many out of it. But really every they in the way of business es so flooring that I am not beg Languin about any they I will be continted to make a living. aux of I can enjoy health and have my dem one, Shout to one of am any willing to forego are my former bright anticipallon of wealth to. In the present distruction condition gets Country one can fina. very little of pleasure or happing outside of his our family. I win The drawle of my darling lettle Charly which yet weight heavy when me, my fromly

has been show the affliction of any Calamity. my lettle Wellie was very sich lack Seemmer with a flow fever that lacked some two weeks. But he weathers it by the blessings of God, and he is now the Smartest brighters but with all the most min -Chivory lette fellow in town, Both of my children Willin ABlanche an say healty and hearty and I an hope the first dood coil show then to me. I hereble Corneting when I think of the population of another one being lake from me. The loss of my other two has make and impression when my feeling, which no time can sure

the current of my life and has an effect when me when I truck avile be for my referreth

Mus Raply and de opher Cheine except one are at Strevelent paying a vist to tribin Rapley. If this with right they will opin line with us. Liffin is enjuged to be married to a gang langua of this place, least It. Follows who is now in the Legislature.

the have furt poller themas with our christmas which was not a very fury one. my Chief pleasured has been in forliving west my Children and pluging Santa Claus weth my family and mighton. All my family and

the Same wishes to be smooth affection at your Laure and the children of such as Sis but I suffere the hour form home by The time of Lurin and the beautiful.

Hor a long time hunt one have been making one plans to hay you a visit next lummer. If I cu much the permining arvaryanut and nothing ela preme ve wie certains be with row before the end of the year. Let me hear from you ofter as you can a more it Convenient & believe one som Jun affectional brown

Thomas

Camera march 16,806

my dear little hephers

doras very much fratified a few days ago by receiving your may intenting letter, of men year glad to have from you au for I had not hear from home lefore for several months. He were were very much interested in removing your letters. When I was luch at home you wellet you gen all buch little chaps that you could not write at all. and I was suchight to senthat you could wite as well my Little boys you throw an too smill and young to write Little Charley is only die years old and little Wille is only 1 mg gener old. But They were very glad to hear from you and bye and bye when they are a little older and learn to write they will livete to now often. mus Kapley has town lettle guls named dulia unes dala! Tela is the olders and the in about as old as doming, the wind to talk a fresh deal about toming and say that he was her sweetheast and that the was fring to marry him one of these days. The in a very pritty little file and think of Torning was to see her he would fell in

love with her. You know we have not had Schools out here during the war like now have had in Richmond, and our children have not had the advantages of education. But Lila has been going to school ever since the was was our, and is now just beginning to make her letters. She was very sorry and ashamed. too that the could not would at all while Iom. my Could write so well. And ever kinger your letter came she has been trying as hart as the could to leave to write As the could unit Tommy a latter. When non usili agin, zon much write hu a letter and may be the will arrive it. Well, my dear children bluck thouse is very convious to see you and bat mat grand Par and grand ma and are the Hample folks. But he don't want to go to Hampton. the that place is not like the do Hamplon in used to know when we used to sail Kity out in Im Sinclainsonold field wind go a funning out them by tends Richards. a got a letter from your levele Georgy some time ago, and he gave me kinde a flooring account of the place telling and how much it had changed, that I feet like I muse wanted to bet it again and wish you all felt that way - for I would

Though not good I know you will be glad to weare I said you a printing of the stand to were I said you a printing of the stand and myself which were taken fuch a mouth before me even marined. I also send you ame of mine token only a few mouth, ago. I send you another one of charley and me which was taken in a group with accust him when we was down in shee orlung a few meets ago. Cant Circum and her was as agoly she would cut it out the way as agoly she would cut it out the hard in a group in the way as ago of me of him when it was take he was say there and pale having just come out a some attach of meaning just come out a some attach of meaning just come

much prostrated him. In pricture dout de him fustien. It mores him huma very nothe free willies is better. aint he a fine looking fellow. You much dend all the pitus com to thempton as soon as you den for from Par from men and The Children to Per you must unto to me again arms and the Pa he must with two. and now I must say good bye were End bap non all. your affiliance Under thomas mife mainfleer The second of th 10 a say the was so to color a so of the 11-1 some Me the . . I then a market

Meg f M Peck, Madam, your letter came to hand some time since, as we have not a resident Paston but attended monthly from Lagerstown, your letter was obliged to wait Father fediers arrival which after penning handed over hime with the wish that I should enterest myself on your behalf In the first place, I am tily sorry Is tell gone your con is not buried in our grave yard, I sensuly wish he was as in that case you might that assured his grave should be properly cared for there are but fine Confederates burne there four of which are marked, I should her bi glab to give you a hope that the one not

might presibly be gone tone of I did not might give me come a dear where hopid know to the contracy, I have hovered the the good on question. The only consolation lower grave your, that contain nearly all I can you you is this, he must certainly That slied here, but also your sont name be buried on the town grave gard, which could not be found, there are very many has unclegant fence around it, where that never were marked which has ever he many heat condesturbed with many been a some of regard to me, I shink it a of his Impaterio comeraces, very easy matter to mark a grave but my Dean modam I regret exceedings it keems Polaciest become hardened are my inability , your your comething more cardens, I arrayined of all my large facenes stephinte about the hall own apol-, but in who visited the hospitals of they remembered the event of you discovering the last-clue of ever seeing him, but they did not her by which I may be guased, the not hesetate must have deed during the retreat when " one moment, is call afore me us I will our love was in such atter confusion be most happy to serve you; I loved the we girls could not get to the hopp-tale, cause in him trumphy non would I I am very well acquainted with Lo What boucher less in the hour of heal but like your self enterely inquorent of Dear madam please accept the his place of Residence, he book his meals & Oympattais of an unknown friend staid with as at night we living immediately Helen In Plake opposete the Churche, it was sestainly a great Walliams fortpiece of negled in Lot Toda more especially Washing for Co as he promised is attend to the perhaps well it possible for you to ascertain the Do Fideren Maryland

( William Hope Peek ) # 53

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Wmsport May 10th 1866

Mrs. J. M. Peek,

Madam,

Your letter came to hand some time since, as we have not a resident Pastor but attended monthly from Hagerstown, your letter was obliged to wait Father Didiers' arrival which after handed over to me with the wish that I should interest myself in your behalf.

In the first place, I am truly sorry to tell you your son is not buried in our grave yard, I sincerely wish he was as in that case you might rest assured his grave should be properly cared for. There are but five Confederates buried there four of which are marked, I should be glad to give you a hope that the one not marked might possibly be your son, if I did not know to the contrary, I have to oversee the grave yard, that contain nearly all that died here, but alas your sons' name could not be found, there has ever been a source of regret to me, I think it a very easy matter to mark a grave but seems soldiers become hardend and careless, I enquire of all my lady friends who visited the hospitals if they remembered of ever seeing him, But they did not, he must have died during the retreat when our town was in such outter confusion we girls could not get to the hospitals, I am very well acquainted with Dr. Todd but like your self entirely ignorant of his place of residence, he took his meals & staid with us at night, we living immediately opposite the Church, it was certainly a great price of neglect in Dr. Todd more especially as he promised to attend to it. perhaps were it possible for you to ascertain the Drs. address might give me some idea where to find the grave in question. The only consolation I can give you is this, he must certainly be buried in the town grave yard, which has an elegant fence around it, where he may rest undesturbed with many of his mysterious comrades.

My Dear Madam, I regret exceedingly my inability to give you something more definate about the hallowed spot, but in the event of your discovering the last clue by which I may be guided, do not hesitate one moment, to call upon me as I will be most happy to serve you, I loved the cause in his triumph, nor would I love him less in the hour of trial.

Dear Madam please accept the sympathies of an unknown friend.

Helen M. Hake Williamsport Washington Co. Maryland Canden July 16 1866

my darling lister.

. Your letter of the 250 april reached us in the midst of another freat sorow a few hours after it was received our dailing. Little Charley was a blessed angel in Heaven He died one the oright of the 10 m of this mouth after a sickness of two weeks. Oh the agone to of that said benavement. The wound inflicted by the death of my dailing little Johnnin had not censed to bleed when they were re-opined by this agoing affliction . The I have been called on to luffer so much by these lascertaing afflictions and bere evenente that my poor he art Sein almost scorched to a cincur. my low for my children has been much more than the orthway affection of fatters I have made companions of Many from the time they learned to cares me with their love and attachment. and oh they love me as dearly and bows them. They were both beautiful and interesting children Little Charley was quite a parout ou men town - aliment

every body Knew him - and they Knew him but to love him. He was to full of lefe is joyour and hubby that his beignt cutalliquet face diffused pludiers whereon he went. But he has some from me and any heart is desolate. But thank, I week not as thou who week without dope . I know my pricious mes on both happy angels that they are now when no troubles or sorrows cun ever afflict them. But that the they cannot Come to one, get that I can for to them; & that I will yet be then again en in the flich I live with there and they were me forever and evice. Though I loved my pricesies one with a love for youring expression, get I have had much consolation in my first have become exting verigined to the will of God who has given am pace to nisquige his moreful hand in This or ver dispensation of this hirordine. He has blissed me far excusing my desists of from me the fleres aprimine

that I sin a child of this to that the lower me

and came for my of that the will friendly arche and our me, as this in his wellarty King down. This hope comforts one commensurably. For I have leve to much of the troutes and afflictions of life that my our experience has taught me the utter variety t worthberends of all carthy things. It has tanget one the danger of folly of fixing my affections whom the heis hable things of the world I have long since found out this; and acting when that experience have turned my thought and attention more than even to the Entrich of religion and the criticals of my immortal Soul. Illnow that I have bun frowing in fines the best evidence I have of it, is the quich and verigined sprint that I tungthen is to bear up with & much fortitude + hopefula this heavy affliction that would otherwise home Crushed me to the Earth.

my dailing Sister let one take this opportunity to anigness when you and all they below King the great infratance of hispaning goversolves for entiring upon the enjoyment of that theppy existence which the Lord of Glory has prepared for those who talk leve and serve desir in this world. I always remember you all in my prayers and this is iver the builden of my prayer that though I ming not be permited to see you are again in this wars, get that we my all meet in that hippy world and die and love try ethis therese the wales ages of clarity. all land - the family circle without and how one lott that I would be furnited with my little family to see you all one more But they hus not been permeter - the of very lette lands. you coin much see in the world. But me may all must and him together in a better world when there is no more harting on sickness on death a august ele to disturb the happing and my y that contenting Rest. mit tous Sis, and let us have a work of Confort and encouragement from ente one of the family. Tell Pa to with to me and lit me dear at least, on hope one more his words of comfort and consolation. my heart always turns to him in my browly as will as in my jour, for knowing as I do the said of a father for his chile I know

that he long me mon there any of you other Can. although I know he will deeply given with son on account of the affliction, get I know it will be a fust comfort and consolation to him to there is that I am ringent to the will grand to that I have the Ruel auforting why is a to course one in my hours of distress. It will also be a funt consolation to him to Know the precipt and example of his brown life have ever exected a mort wholesome influence over me, and that to the impression derive from his early training I have been lea to seek that which of all things could human reach he would eather for one to hopses. We have now left our little boy little Willie" a little over two years old - a beautiful and long chicke is too, with his dear flashing eyes as black as smidnight this for ofen t ingenerous nature. also a darling lette blu eged girl . annie Blanche about to mouths old. Hot willing dam going to by very hard and bring them with their

swother to see you all nest dummer. after you read this letter I want you to sent it to brosse Isamin family. at Richmond. It is as painted for one to write on this saligant that I would meter communicati with them theripe the charmed the salied anying to the pain of writing a Schoult letter James will write Loon. The an aa well and sund amuch love to you are . Re. much un Knit to much Jessis family mi app brocks Thomas.

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University of Va, Och. 14th. 1866. My dear Six, I have not yet re-Ceived a letter from home and have been here two weeks to mor--roso. Well I suppose a letter must be on the way and its probable I shall receive it tomorrow. I have received Consin James lette of Introduction, powarded by nother dohnsey from Rich! lensin dames writer rue and that he will be here on next meonesday for the purpose of pronuncing his de Poem", wh: you reniember, he delivered in north Carolina: I have written to you to send me a virginia Code - and if you have not beceived my letter Uncle George wile tele you how Mon can get one. Sam in want

of it and would like to get it as early as posseble lesse has not united as he promised, but Doning has & I have written him a nice letter in refly. When you certe I would like to hear something from him,

and the news in general of every body in town.

Mr. Duncan will be in Charle-- terville of next senday to dedecate the New Methodist Church there - What cost of a meeting did Mr. Crooks have in Hamplin? How is Person, and how is here school getting in? Tell her that her prospect of going there every morning and returning every evening is not quite so gloomy as the taske that I have before me. Mine is nine months of massive labon interspersed with Sundays

My while a refreshing Latinday comes to her relief every week. But I always & re-- member that after labor there is rest-and the harder the la-- bor the sweeter the rest. When did Pusin Nied go home (Hope) - aunt moley I suppose is relieved -I have taken quite a long

walk this evening. It went a -- Found the base of Mr. Levis and gathered a procket full of nice chestruly which of course I did not est. Juich I comed land They to you. To give you are estimeste of the size & wile go the frecture below-



We have had Considerable frost here and even now I am setting by a cool fire. Mallony Sheeld

Came over this evening to the me

he is very well and in good spirits. I have not yet called on young Hope. I Truew him Immediately from his picture. He is a real blubber faced doublet finter boy, and lam almost affraid to make his acquamtance for fear I show may be thrown with a party who may interright me in the prosecution ofmy strikies -But Luice make it Convenient Amr. Houstead of Vitte Rock Callio on me yesterday and Said he had seen brother Ital a few wieles ago - that min-Rapley had gone to Conden on a visit - That mil Blanche -Scott had married a Manker Officer te-Give much live to all -I hope to see you in Luly -Mouraffectionale Con -

Olichand Val Oct 18. 18.66. I wish zon would See Col Mallory & ask him if he can let me has a The ant of the little due tile che gave me some time last summer some Toxodd Drug. He said he thought he would be able to let me have it in it fall - I need some purchase of the house her more Than swept me - If you could collect that or the aut for the loss it would help me very much -Willie of fanch & Tommie have

had Chilly since Mea left hat They halve all missex them again -I shall not be able to py mus Stine omi Lake ABrown the amt of their bonds when they face durin now I don't know how they will like it hat it will be impossible to do it afficil Deck All and the second of the seco some a second of 18. A. 18. A a second and the second and and 

University of Vinginia Och. 28th. 1866 my dear Sis, I have received you last letter and the book which I mentioned before. The book was directed in the case of Mr. Westerbecker, because I transfit it would come lafter that way in as much as he would have it sent to me; but I did not mean that you should direct my letters in his care, mee they would come to me with as great certainty without it as I have to call at the office in preson for them. I had the pleasure of hearing Bishoh Wilmer of Ala. presach in ch ville this morning, and I ceal. by think he has a much greater reputation as a pulpit oration them he deserves - after Church & din ner I had the pleasure of a long

walk in the beautiful words

that skirt the olaper of Leciro mountane; and gathered some more of those nice brown Chestnuts of which I wrote in my last. I was accompanied in my rample by a young Georgian whose acquainhance I have made and whose Confidence I have gamed. His name is Marshall A. Lane of Wash. myton, Ga. and is exceedingly any. cins for me to go to lea. to practice law with him. I meagine that there is no one of whom he has a higher opinion than of myself. It kappens thus - Frequently I com called upon to unfold to him some of the abetice problems of the law, which he finds a diffi-Culty to understand; and on account of my Knowledge he thinky I am stored with legal love o Causher Thours and declaces that he has for me the finest

and loveliest lady in la who is the sister of his sweetheart.

He has just left my room after having related to me many micedents of his life in the sunny south, see of which would doubtless amuse you, but none of which can I comprise in so short a letter.

Cousin James left here on west Thursday for Lexington, after pronounce. - my his poem in Charles He has been envited by the two Societies to rehease it in the Public Hale of the fluversity, and I am exbecting him here in a day or live. You will be Kind enough to renumber me very expecially to Consin Annie + tele her that had many pleasant walks with Consin fames and breakfasted with him bath at Dr. Dans & Mr.

Minions - at the last place I had

the good fortine to neet met

Minor the daughter of the Daction, whose vivacity + wit quito chauned me. But for all that, do not forget to say to mil nannie M.... Chat I am delegated to Brank hear of her kind remembrance of my. Relf + I am sure no one can regret my absence from Hampton at this particular time more than I do: I must acknowledge that in my honest endeavers to stow my mind with the great doctimes of the law, thoughts of her will Otel in and wedge themselves like beauls between rocks. I cannot heep thinking of home, and would not it I could; nor can I help dinking of the ladies; for things we love are always deperment in our hearts, it they do not occupy a good pack of our minds. It would be sumat-- wral for one accustomed to the green fields of a festile land to become wedded to the desect and not delight in the refreshing state of the vases; so for me to become so for attaches to the decky volumes

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Canden Oct 301865 Dear Por: 01 Yours of the 1. Tap. is fuch rec? It has been unaccountably long in reaching me - nearly a month. and I am very much afrait that its long delay, in connection with the change in ciccumstances that has taken place in the mace time, will cause you a servous disappointent in the arrangements you might otherwise have much. But-al-The same time I include the mope that the change of hogramme which I have determined will result puch more to our accountage. dince I lack under I have been looking deeper wito the matters of things that I wrote about them my impulobes allower me to do at the first of how become satisfied that it as but for one to remine in artames for a gray on two st- least. For then an offentinmities, that were enable me to make much more money, and emable me to de butter for all of us in a year or two than I come on in Virginin herhalis in a life time. I am at present practising line with fun howherts, if I continue as it of maning

tin thousand dollars a year, as soon as the ordinary ousing of The Country is received, Bed I have no idea of confining myself to the business of much make more money than that and sine I make to you, offer. tenites have developed thems do is that have opened who one or two channels by withen y which I am putty duce of morning from fifty to a hundred thousand dollars in his year. It is this that has determined me to remain here for the present of thank my determination could result to the fresh assumet of both of us. I have already enbouled in one of thou en terhinger - entered into it only a few days apo. If I am successful in the busines I men clear \$ 24.11 this worker, which will ensure me a \$111. 11m or more next winter. If the frist entities the wombines succepted, I much to apociate for evite in next winter to think me and mulle surge to retire on. The busings is a and one, and will at find blush store in as being a very chismental scheme, but it is bette that a golf mine on Petroleum will to Sough gathing orange seed! I have sutres out Thatwhile win two men who Know where there is an immun front of the orange stores, the fruit of which this

year is unumally prolific. On man cure guther from 1 to 5 bushels of seet he say and the Supply almost inextended. There is a leige demant for These deed in the north west, when though that immense provarie Country they air a dolltry the ones many Ledge for ordinary Juncing. his will Ruch who a large of increasing describe. The seen sold in Chicago fact year for \$401. hu bushel! But are have made our calculations on getting my thing down her bust het how my succes in this business debends only on the fidelity of the two ments have some mit patendish with of They are fruithful & will dutury succeed as I whent how of I am encepful this winter, any John is to try who a large truck of the lune in which the trees from, and go to the north next Summer, and but the invention growing of the I winker to work out a machine by which the facility for getting out the seen can be langely vicereuses. It would be a simple continuous and think entirely producted successing in that my fortune is mede. I am very sangum about this thing and have but letter doubt of Luca for Duck if it faits I have another project, but little less promising in ruce of which await - un. am determined to make a fortun in a few yours

and then I mant us all to him together of doing place - when we can him together in he was sour habbing - thats the fruit est aim and object of all my hopes and assistions, and the busher how having duhow of my our case let us turn to nous our consuch about what is the but course for you to have for the present am not sufficiently informer as busine for in the chen out or Hampton, Bus looking to the future built to amountage of our children, which it is the duty of every harint to do; I am somewhole disposer to bowon Remand. I am afrair too that Hamblin, with all the frish change that have to the place since the comment of war that it would The longer be the Hampton of our to any of in- that it woner be indust like treading alow some banquet have aux but her of The start fraces to bring

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Dear Georgie.

I owe you an apology for not ausuring your letter before; but I have been So much bothered and annoyed for some time pust that I have felt in no mood for writing. In the first place of hove had Considerable Diskness in any family this fall which has taken up the whole of my spantine; and then I have been busily engaged in making anyemento to more back to Little Nock. elly family was so auxious to snow back to their old home, and the prospects in this part of the state looked to gloving that I had determined to leave and take who my abode oner mon in Little Rock. accordingly of contracted to sell my property few & made my anays wents to have the old Kapley place which had been very much injured by the war repaired I fixed up. I expected to have lift here about this time, But the gentleman with whom

I had Contracted to sell my place hus flower the brush of purtrated all any plans. and as the prospects of this place how of late considerably brightened with by the prospect of a Railivoi being Specific built from the place to the mississippi ever, here concluded to hold on him awhile longer and wait for further developments. chain decition of the Company that heapour to build this road; and if the work is undertaken the position I hold will be a food paging office besides the advantageous opportunity it will five one for anothing perfetable enoutenants. The Legislation now in session will of think furnish the Comfory with sufficient french to bild the wood. If this is done I think I well mose this my bermanent home; but otheriese will amove back to Little Rock estuch is a thuring therway City. " they family are all well and ever very glad to hear from you. My Plate. ley and will of her cheldren except chaunin have fore down to Shreveport to hay

new There as a commission muchant he having main a young lang of that City fait before the close of the war. Ligger is angaged to be anamind to look from the Felevier a langue of their City who now represent this Sunatorial district in the Mate Legislature. They expect to be married some time the status to the married some time the sometime.

I was very flad to learn that you had been fortenste Enough to take a Course. at the University. But I fear you have inpour a fualti labor when quantif in trying to take a degree in one Receion, than you Can perform with due regard to your health. which you much always bear in much is of the about sinfortance to preserve. a cultivolt muse with droken down health will avail you much less, especially in the fueferin un have adopted than vigorous health with his mental cultivation, dhe muid is always susceptable of informent low from the mork futh condition; but it is not always so with the body which

if enfutted by bad health it may be impossible ever to rector to vigor. I mored advise you if you see the back. indications of failing health from an overbunder of studies, to reduce them to the people standard. I wish I was in Cuicumstapices to five you a lecond course to that you could prosecute the fresh with and a saw offerous. But I don't knowlyes Whether or not I will be able. If I am I you and it, I will culturing buch non. I would advise you to cultivale the faculty of Speaking as much as possible. You will find that one of the frealist aids in entering successfully when the practice him much attention to the most Courts; and they one thing of all others observe and wer Kerk in mind: don't stand in proporty of a failure! Thats the prot bugbear in the way of young beguines. etever ain too high; but adjust yourself to the ordinary steer and of your Capacify; this will enable you to tread Robely. and one having ascutamed your bout to accustomed yourself to an early Style thin you can for our in rocancement of wifewent.

University of va. Nov. 18 66. My dear Jesse, I was very glad to receive your last letter and would have answered it long ago het have not had line. In didn't tele me what books you were studying at mir Raymain Tehool and how many scholars he had, and all about your Dehool-vom. I will promise that if you will get head at all your classes and stay There me month I will give you a Jun as soon as I get some no. ney. and if you get head in half I will give you a knife How is little million. I was very Ivery to hear in Desteir letter that he was still quite such . Pour little fellow, I hope he will soon get well and walk all about. I look a long walk to the lope

of a mountain the other day and looked over all the country for many miles around. Mr. Safferson built his house on the top of a little mountain up here, so that he could get the nice fresh an in the Summer lime but I recken its mighty cold up there in The winter time. I want you to tele me all about nor Jeffu-In in your next letter and duille write about him too-Do you know about Mr. Mon-- roe? Well, he used to live in a house very near where I am now living and he over leffer -In used to go to Charlottesville long court-day and talk to the people - I saw a very old man the other day wood had a gray header son standing by him. and he told me that he and mr. deffersom & mr. monroe were very intimate friends and talked to.
gether very often mile to me
engy week- your aff brother

Unwessely of Virginia Charember 207t. 1866. - My dear Ja, I was very glad to get your letter on yesterday for I had not heard from home for moweeks Tour letters are always the most acceptable to me and I am much pleased to Know that my Cheerful and hopeful feelings are a source of pleasure to you. I am fully convinced of the fact that cir cometance frequently make men. He who feels the Keen necessity. afround will be forced by it to acquire those requisites recessary Telliene his need. I'me insulis for physical later or whose luster declate to them another course seek to accomplish this end of the aperations of the mind; but in sither case necessity is the mother of industry. Hence it is that those fathers who

leave to their cheldren neher bestoo also the legacy of sloth and indolence, unless indeed they with great difficulty inclile into Their muds those principles which are the springs of a laudable ambelieve. Therefore I think you show have no cept that impaving fortune has compelled you to leave The necessity of working with their our wants to your children; for in hestering that which seems to be the most decisable you assume the very uncertain and difficult obligation of implanting in their minds other motives for action. on justification of this new we are only to look at the Children of the neh in spending their proflegate lives to no purpose, and in the other hand to observe the suce and steady efforts of the poor mais son which left

him by degrees to places of inflicence and respectibility.

But in these observations we immediately perceine there is one thing necessary, and that is the legacy of a good name. That, my dear la, me have already received. The example of the father is the The precept to the son. The recaller · line of his life are never indelably impressed on his mind and ex--ech nure influence over his ac-- Trens and Conduct than all else besides. This is the great consola--tim you should have - that all your children with me accord agree in acknowledging the val-- we of this legacy you will give them. For whatever is sad in your history mells them to leases - what . - lver is good renunds them of Their oblegations to their God, and whatever is Charclable fells them with a love

for their fellow men - all lending to prefect those great qualities of headet which make bries greatives, and espicially those requestly that constitute a christian man. But I will desich from these reflections and tack about home -

I suppose the dening-room is considered a valuable addi--time to the house, but I wonder what arrangement has been made to Keep the Chimney from amaking. I am very sorry these that Mr. Burcher is So low - Sam afraid by This time he is dead. I don't want you to send any ching in my box but those things I have mentioned in a former letter -I think I would like to have a fraise of Mesteur - with a thumb and is singer. These will tech

my hands warm in going and come - my from lecture.

inch every thing I want to est and the days of pickled oyeles and biscuits were in lesstence before the way.

suppose you will go to Mehmond to spend your Christmas? But then I harden 18mm what ma will do at home without you. My non-mate primises to send me a big box at Christmas when he goes home. and logether with the big din. - ner Mil Kosseile que us, And also Considering the fach my purpose here is to feel The mind and not so much the body I think I'll speak Christmas pretty well after ale. But It is now getting late and I must not waste

any mire of that line which belongs to morphey -Ille Jesse I am going to write him a letter and in it daile tele him a Thong, and I hope it will be as good as those he reads in meluffier read. my love vile Universet, can George

Dem George. Hampton Deit 6th 1866 we received your report This morning and will write you a few times in return on a part of the old sheet, with the you will receive your pants you cannot change those with your black ones Therefore when you put on you will to keep them on all the winter Summer unless you put a prother araws negrous soldiers they have suit discharged a reg ament here and They are making. Their money the live co in refer my to your law case, I have by know how to arvise you I recolect of havil a case of This class owice a young man purchase some good from me ome and failed to pay for them. I warrant The Gentleman with whom. he was at works with for the am, 55 the bile he having directed me to let The young man have them The case was referred to two old lawers and it all seemed to hinge on This one Thing, I was as leed if The goods was cut off and sold before The old gen Uleman assumed The backt I proved That They ever cost out off before The old man in my favour but if the young man had han left the store with the goods and the old man

to come in he unould pary to the bill the young ma hat ma e with me I would have been not money unless he was have I man leaved the care years ... The without salings. 11- 111

University of Virginia, December 1, 1866.

Sir:

The laws of this institution make it the duty of the Chairman, at the end of every month, to communicate to the parent or guardian of each Student, the number of times his son or ward has been absent from becture, together with such other information relative to his progrefs and deportment as may be deemed worthy of particular notice. The means of determining whether the Student has been attentive and regular or otherwise are thereby afforded his parent or guardian; the early and earnest exercise of whose authority is requested when the Deport shall indicate the need of iv.

Whenever information in relation to the diligence or progress of a Student shall be desired, such information will be transmitted in the monthly Circular.

Mr. 411 feeth has been absent from lecture during the past month as follows:

SCHOOLS.	ABSENT.	REMARKS.
LATIN LANGUAGE. PROF. PETERS.		
GREEK & HEBREW LANGUAGES, PROF. GILDERSLEEVE,		
MODERN LANGUAGES, Prof. Schele.		
MATHEMATICS. PROF. VENABLE.	}	•
NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, PROF. SMITH.		
CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACY, PROF. MAUPIN,		
MEDICINE, Prof. Howard.		
HYSIOLOGY, COMPARATIVE ANATOMY & SURGERY, PROF. CABELL.		
NATOMY, MATERIA MEDICA, & BOTANY, PROF. DAVIS.		
IORAL PHILOSOPHY, PROF. McGUFFEY.		•
ISTORY AND LITERATURE, PROP. HOLMES.		
AW, COMMON AND STATUTE LAW, PROF. MINOR.	Rever	
LAW.  QUITT, MERCANTILE, INTERNA'L & CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, &c.  PROF SOUTBALL.	Rever	

S. MAUPIN, Chairman of the Faculty.

(written on a grade sheet of George which was sent to Thomas A. Peek Esq.)

Hampton Decb. 6th 1866

Dear George

We received your report this morning and will write you a few times in return on a part of old sheet, with this you will receive your pants you cannot change those with your black ones therefore when you put them on you will have to keep them on all the winter and cease to wear your blk ones until next summer unless you put a pr thin draws under them, Hampton is alive once more with negrow soldiers they have just discharged a regiment here and they are making their money fly = Will in reference to your law case, I hardly know how to advice you I recolect of having a case of this class once a young man purchases some goods from me once and failed to pay for them. I warrent the gentleman with whom he was at work with for the amt.,,of the bill he having directed me to let the young man have them the case was referred to two old lawyers and it all seemed to hinge on one thing. I was asked if the goods was cut off and sold before the old gentleman assumed the debt I proved that they were not cut off before the old man assumed the debt and therefore got a judgement in my favor - but if the young man had have left the store with the goods and the old man of come in he would pay the bill the bill the young man had made with me I would have lost my money unless he had have said so in writing. I mentioned the case to Thomas some years after that time and he was under the opinion that a third party could make himself responsible for anothers action without saying so in writing but I am clearly of the opinion if a man assures the debt of another he must as it in writing to make it binding expecially if anything like death should take place.

University of Virginia Dect 9 th. 1866. my dear brother, The last letter you wrote me was about the burning of that negro girl on Peder, and about ashby sicknew Iwas very much pleased with your letter and was in hopes of having another one very soon after, het you did not write- Now I kape that ashby is well and that he has some nice straw in his house to I am going to bring home with me a med smooth-haired pointer, when I come, but when I get home I shall expect to hear you stand your examination at minkaymondi school I hope you will tinow a great many things and will do what I told you about getting head of your classes, if you want a gun - now that you may do this you must first make up your mond to do it any how then you must remem ber and not forget that you have resolved to do lit. In order that Un may not borget it ask your

ma to be always telling you about It. I know that when I was a bon like you I would resolve to do a Certain thing certainly, and then would go off and forget it. Now a boy is very aft to floget to do what he has determined to do, because he Council see the great improvence of it. Hence it is that he has to be cohepped not for what he would not do but for what he forgot to do. I am very sorry that I had to whip you for this very thing when you had so many to remind you of your duly. Non no doubt recollect that golden rule that is in almost every reading book. That well leaches you what your mother leacher you and what your tender affections would Know without kaing lead it in a book. But I have a golden nile which is a better one than that stud it is - "know your auty and do nothing else untel you have done that " Oh! now happy I would be to go home next summer and find

that my bettle brother had kept my golden mile. and how happy you would be to meet and tell me when you took my hand, "Oh" bother Georgie, I have kept you golden nule" I think that I would almost ony with joy. For this rule we that you know and many other little and good rules besides; and it has a reward which you will enjoy while your are teeping it and after you have rept it-But now I must ask you to write me a long letter next time and tele me about the raceroad at tewports news, and how big mr Blenis house is how many Pchalais mr Raymond has well how much holiday you will have at xmas Tell me how bother Lace, is and if he has gone to de Pout Wetand about brother Eddy when he Comes up from the Kip Rapi-To day he is at home - last night he came up and Pa and ma were both glad to see him. I wish that

I could see him and brother Lady down to-gether in the dining-room and smake and tall. I love, on Sunday, to forget for the line ale about the Saw and think of nothing but home I do not think of Hamplin when I think of you all and home. My mind walks in to town without taking any notice of the place until I walk in the front gate Then I see the willow trees and flowers I helped. to plant and our house which is our home and when I get in there I lie down on the little bed and when I come to myself again I find I have taken a sound nap at home and remember to tech my, will the best min can and I will reward you for it one of will reward you ... there days - Mour affectionate backer Jungi

e Vichmeni Va Deer 16. 1866 Dr. Pa zom, ef the 13th was rec' this morning -He have been anxionity looking for you for the past for days + were much desappointed at your not comming. hope the threatened allack may pass if not before. Will Charlie not and? I don't think it protesth that Georgie will be here I'd like to have as many of the family Frem mie is very anximo to got Hampton i as some as he is a the At travel I think I will let him go- he has bun quite sich the last week - has a very serve chill a high fever on therestay which prostrated him very much - yesterday he has another but not him so severe. He is up to atout today & seems fully well but this is his chill vay & I don't know how it will be with him at it, close -Little Willie has bun worse off ouring the pass week then he has ever bun with his briells having had passages from every 15 or 20 minutes to an hour or so of 21/2 days o nights - I began to fear his time was up, hit yesterday he was believe had no passup during last right & today is pretty smart - all the rest are very will -Fis was saying when the first came up that you were hoping to ucive \$100. 5 from Chos forms This I recken be will hardly come up - If you could manage to raise some money for me, its would greatly ulive no just now. I am worse of for fine of the ever been since the fall of Richmond- The paying of the rent on the place not only work all I had but I was compelled to part

with what selver I had tomake up it deficiney -I have bur desapporated in selling what hell of turnips but contract no sate for them. have at the atte to sell horse, carts + farming whersils - tif I take them to a declar they will bring nothing all this combined have comped me consideratly + bisides il dave to raise \$60. for Georgie by The Same I wish you would see Tath I see if there is I have a good stude of growing a land if I conto raise 95 or 100. for present recessities I unti be quite much relieved The harve in Heampton If so I might way on the way on the way on the way on with Jon mie orthe way on with the he gets athe to you might have done one at the what to meet him I coult however whether anighting conto be drie with him down there now unless some hase ridge trys who kern him should might enquire around -If the orplies are not to castly & trouble me That of yore. They are more of a willy non than formerly which I am writing I shall drop thomas a line - It has been some time we heard brokfail & come som affaly Brokfeeke fundin -

University of Virginia Dec: 23 ad. 1866. My dear brother Jesse, You and Su were good enough to write me another nice letter in whi ich you gave me a good deal of news. I didn't know that any negroes had killed Mr. Woodward before. I suppose mr Jabb was the lawyer who prosecuted them. In must tele me how big the house is Cousin Mary ann is buil. and and who is hildingit. I hope you'll have a merry Christmas This year and a blentin of Candy and cake to lat .. I have holiday for two days, but don't expect to take much time from my studies. I wried like to know what

name you'd give that little pointer prippy if I were to let you have him? I am going to see that man about him tomarrow; but you recallech what I said about your les - Dons! If Mr. Raymend don't give a good account of you when I come home you chant have him. In must tele me how many whippings you've had since you have been going to the Callege and whether you like mn Raymond or not How is little Willow, Can he talk yel? Sister pays you have not written to her since she has been in Richmond - I think you are improving very much in your letters, and if you will take my letter when you write again and commence it by dating

it like I do, it will be better. Commence like this:

Hamplin Virginia, Dec? 25th. 1866.

my dear bo: Georgie,

I received you

last letter re-

Commencing all your sentences with a Capital letter and every line directly under the preceeding me so as to keep them straight on the left. How see what a very fine letter you can write me next time. You didn't tell me how mr. Burcher is, or whether he has died. He have had enne on the ground here for more than a week and it looks like it going to onew again to night. Sout you wish you were here to Olide and each Inew and sugar. I am in - blev to 3 Egg-nog dunknips to

Come off in the Clinchnas, but I Shall not go to but one. Gine my live to all - I wish you a merry cliristmus but take care you don't been your tingers when you free e proppers on that Georgie those proppers offUniversity of Virginia Dect. 30 th. 1866.

my dear Jesse,

me a letter but as it is bunday night and I shall not have a better ofipertunity to write I must let you hear from again.

I have had nice Christmas thing here, nice than you thing I recken. Mife Roes my boarding house-keeper had turkey, and goose and other nice meals with orghers for the first course at the table, on Christmas day, for dinner, and for the second course she had pound Cake Celebrot, jelly, plum-pridding, lemon prodoing, mince-pries and cranges cut up with engar and cocoa-nut grated over them.

Now don't you think I had a mice deniner. I wish you had have had as nice a one. I thinght about you all at home very much during the clinethias and wanter to send you a christmas gift, but I concluded to bring it down with me when I for home next benomer Richard wrote me a long letter the other day and said that Old morgan was dead and he and Francis had buries him and turfed his grave.

Sister was there but I recken she is at home your inne.

You must write to me and telq me what east of a haliday you shout. I have had to work very haid since Juesday to prepare all my lectures. I have to write more than sixty pages every week; and at the end of the Session I'll have two or three books -Mr. Mallon Shield has been in my wom all day and we have been talking about Hamplin all the line. I talo 'him about some of the news you usate me in your last letter and he was surprised to hear it. Mr. Paul has come back from his trip home and brought a box of good Things-It was hief full of chestrute and al-But I would rather have my box than his my pauls fit me very wece but I had to get a pair of suspenders to ware with Them - I wave my mittens lacy day to lecture and they Keep my hands very warm, I am very were to right and hape you all at home are mell too. You must give my live to all, and ask Cousin Pus where is that you of brandy peaches or picked oyster she way to lend me on chustmas -Affly your brother Gennie.

My dear hear I thought I should have been with you Saturday night, but could get no farther than the wharf for when we reach there we found there was no book. We determined There to take the train this morning but I ame again andly disappointed, about hoclve oclick last night to Johnny came up stones woke me and said and Pigeon was very rick and wanted me to go down while he went after Dr. Swinte, but Pageon was in a great deal of pain, and became to weak offer a while That she would not him herself over. To satisfy I got tro. Eddie to go after box lohny and hasten them on, The ground was covered is and it was still fast falling as it is now. They arrived a little ofter one and. the tor remained until nearly four. She is this marning easy but the doctor lays she much such her bed for several days. She asked me to stay with her and I course I do not their it would be right for me to leave her now however much I want see home, especially as Bettie is not at home - she went out to spend

gesterday at bambo Winder and has not get returned. It would be rather bad for us If she has gone of wish her worthless husband for as show as she is and Pigeon would mis her for she sorys she likes her better thou any she was get tried. aunt Pigeow's attack was of womb disease the had never suffered wish it so violently be fore and being in a peculiar condition she was afraid that serious results might follows. The doctor gave her medicine to relieve her and ordered that she wear some sort of a thing I don't Know what. The has been taking too much exercise in the house recently and has completely broken herself sours. When is auch know coming up. I hope to be able to get down in a week and will cet you know what day that some are many meet me at her portnervy. and Pigeon Sundo some butter for you, sens That she would not send it to grand so a became he would not find the mackerel the bucket was fixed up triday afternoon The cake is for time, that watched its for and mollie, and The small ones for Sarah. I have a bottle of tomato for grandpa. Noping to die gon ill soon I am most affectionately

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by the law as not to be refreshed by the delightful thought of those I have left - nine plasing and gratifying than the vases' shade to the meany traveler.

pression and be pleased to put up with a weakness peculiar to your brather, and thank your stay that he failled to write a poem on the occasion.

By the way, this makes me think of my passes which we in my know the states - It would perhaps be well it you would called them - placing my letters of rec: in your traink and taking care of the rest as you please.

My love to all - The after side is for Jesse.

When aff: bother Georgie

My dear clesse, You cannot tell how much pleased I was when I received a letter from you. how brother Georgie is very an-- xions that you should write time a letter every week and send it when sister don't land hers. I would have you to be a very smait boy and stand at the head of your class I once triew a little boy who Said he would write four pages every week and read one how ever day after he had ceris his lessons. and token he came to be a man he found he had written a book of 250 pages and knew the names ofale the great men in the world I triew another lettle boy who used to lead ale the notices in writing he saw and every

news paper he could get - This same little fellow after he Cance to be arman wrote the reports of many great battles and the messages of a Presi--dent. These little voys were not as smart us you are nor did They have any school books to stridy like you have; if they had I rection they would have been the greatest men in the. world. I hope you will study well this writer so that when I come home next summer you will be enabled to write in my office and be a little lawyer-boy. How do you like

Well how I hope you will mind all your hear I sister says to you and know that When you are getting your les. Son that it would do your

your bother Georgie more good to see you than to have the largest stick of Candy in the world. Um must tell learge Wellie about these little boys and ask him if he can't beach Them - Par ashly in the head and when you have your picture, taken you much have him by your side live my line to brothers Eddy & Céhailie and unté me another letter very soon. Usur affectionale bother Georgie. the party of the same

## #4720 PEEK FAMILY PAPERS

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Tirchmond Jan 5th, 67 My dear mar I would have written before to let you know how aunt of was getting along, but I employed. of the river being blocked up by The ice and consequently useless for me to write. Today" is the first time aund P has been down stairs, having been in her room a week, part of the time in bed. The Remand be very well but weak and do not expect any thing else but that she will work her-- Red down again, where there are five such bad children as these and but one servante to do everything there is a great

single line from him since deal to be done. The children I have been from home. are all very well, and honny I pily bo Georgie if he hears is getting so well that his pa from home as seldom as. tanks in hardly necessary for I have done for nearly two him to isit Hampton for his write now however, for I health as he intended. I really do not know whether shall make another you all want me to come attempt to reach home on home or not for if I must next Friday. Bro Eddie Judge of your affection for much have had a timo me, from the number of letters getting showne I cannot I have recised from home my long at sence then imagine where he the all night. I hope I she for do not wish to see me not meet with any illi that much. ask Lesse of I mint measure ho have on my way, for I have high by the number of letters he enevigh money to take me has written me if so he home, as he had. I supposed, you have heard from Georgie since christmas cares very lettle for me, for I have not received a

He spent a very pleasant time and received a hard years present of a nice pen from his Georgie friend. Bro Johnnie gave me a rece dress for my konas gifti Please at Daniel Rown that I expect to come down on biday as he said he would meet me at newportners. I should be in a bad fix of i were to Top there and then find to lake me to Man Solow. dis.

University of Virginia Jamy. 20 ch. 1867.

My dear Sis, I suppose you have arrived at home by this time after your long is - it to Richmond, and I shall have a sheety answer to my letter with all the news you promised to five - The snow has been fulling since service this morning, and as the was already about 6 inches deep I lub pose it to be nearly his feet deep now-We have had snow on the ground for more than a mouth and we are becoming very tired of it, especially when undia subber Shoes must be but in whenever it is necessary to go out. Warm overcouts and Shawls are in very great demand here and bor - glad that I am so well provided

Van abstract has been of very great advanlage to me and I only refret that I was unable to get more of it. But it was so very exercise to me to write last summen that it was imprassible for me to copy it - You have no idea what assistance it has been to me. The greatest later of the law student here is writing and the

nure of this he has already done the more line he has for reading. The your young ladies of Charlottesville frequently assist their beaux in a most landable manner by copying their abstracts through out - This is a most excellent trait they passess and luce as-- Rive you the students like it very much. I must corefees, however, that I have not yet been so fortunate - not that I have made any effort in that derection however my fush Examinations will come off in one week from lo-morrow - their three others will follow in quick succession -Of course we are all very busy and some of us very much excited on the subject. I suppose you have called on the bride and found her very smiling - I must Know all about the affair when you unité for I have not receive au ac-- Couch since the marriage. Will they live at uncle George's er is Mr. Blein's house dene ? I heard some line ago that some regives altemples to take a slove-keeper out of his due to hang him the & there was a considerable disturbance it lour in consequence. un must give me all the particulars

in your next - I have been writing

a letter from home for nearly two weeks again; but I suppose its because the river is from the present prospect I think it will remain to for many days. If there is any Baltimore brat I dinto a letter might be sent by that toute.

I am supping very good health, and oney

have a swelling of the head occasionally, on account of the vast amount law I'm higher to fet in it - the same head you know of which it has been said —.

We have a queer genies living in my house who studys very hand; but for many nights he has been bribled with sleepy Eyes. But finally he lit upon an expedience to Keep them unde awake. Never hairing taken a chew of tobacco he was confident that it unes have the desired effect -He thereupon fut in a chunk as he called it and worked away - He was heard afternais to remark It interpered light smally with my stomach but, by fucks!, it Kept my eyes open" The same fellow got very mad with his head because it wouldn't comprehend a mathematical problem and "fotch it a lick" which bright it who against the mantle puce in such a manner as to set in perfectly level -

all my prends are Vine my live to all my friends in thampton whose law hisiness I have to transach one of these days the thethether hime bulles. SILVE DE LABITATION DE LABITAT year of it was in the same te live tion to do not the Color of the second of the second of the second - From the state of the state o M. the says - for in a contract of the rate of asse to take a series in a series of li itera it a filitage con to it would be "in dimension le la protest il sons se ... the head hecourse it nemero a Health our lical problem and Total it a lich which In the wife a arrival The man He price in duch a moune in the de fur factory lence

My dear Sis, Une very interesting letter was received early lash week and you shorter one of the 21. 1. platerday. I am asten. ished at the number of marriage that have occurred in Namhton since last october - I am really afrair I shall have to go away to look for a wrope, a thing which I definicate very much for I believe in the maxim that "Charity begins at home"a quotation which you may think onlinely out of place -Mifs Low W- then has ceased to consider the proposition of of Mn St. and has consented to nearry mr. M. A very frethe match indeed and hechaps the much appropriate fall.

The sensation about the great addrugion- Hicks wedding I cup. pose hus some what subsides. No line coner have been better for the politic lady to make her With from the carpet than the time she delection a perior in the history of our town so paught with similar occurrances that her herformance was soon last eight If in the rapidity and magnitude of the alters - Hymen has indeed been making pacrifices and the poor old "com fed" wood in The saft some of his inticing lute have yielded up their necks to The yoke and the many monther dance Gossif" regales herself. on the delicens trands that are thereby shread before her the fruch or rather the voasted near of the lacufrees - Madame numer is a vague sort of some body. a

heaven individual who stands hehim the curtain and aids her
lister "gossif" but very little in
procuring a repast, but when
facts occur the dame smiles with
meffatle delight, and I think if at
any time she can be called pretty
it is then. She sets all her mention
to smiling, all her eyes to laughing
and I doubt not she enjoys the
heat exceedingly.

To prose from you letter dame

grasif has been abroad since

you left and collected facts.

I am very glad to hear of John

Pabby success and as to my haing

my one to tele it to I will remind

you diah Mallory Shield is here

and comes to see me every sun
non when I relate all the newy

I have received during the

week, Of course I told him

about mis Jennie's promise of

debales the chances of her com-Meaner - He are of african that she will break ground- Lie month as loo long to link off so important a matter. Juestions of impostance Thomeo be settled at once and the minor preliminary affairs may be agreed upon hereafter When mis Auch and her hus band comes to Hampton or in other words when the parties to the Wodington - Hicks affair arrive, I wish you would remind the beautiful bride" of her Kind brownie to send me a fur of transy heaches. . I have no doubt that in the bleaomes of double blessedness she has in a measure forgation it, but needs only to be reminded of so just and equitable, obligation she once placed herself under to me, and in the plentide of her gracioness The will immediately discharge it.

The are very right in dunking that I write be he interested in the butter also. I am pleased to hear of the marriages for or, minon large "marriage is honorable and profitable to the community", but especially and I bleased to hear of any additions that may be made to our populations that may be made to our population, may be. I think it a very happy occurrance for Causey and I have no doubt he begins to feel his import

as me fitte fathers in the community. Concerning the name Of the new comes I must confess that I am right smartly interestes. He have a great many new free. ple coming aningst us his have no or few new names to give them so that they are compelled "ex vi lei. mini" to take the all worm out names of those who have gone before. And attribule that to this Cause - Many people, ander, manti in general are exceedingly desirent of handing their names to pasteries lo that if they cannot do it he imprenting their sequatures on The tronged tablets of enduing mem. my by achieving ellustrins deeds with which fame's humper-rings" they will engraft them on poster. by thelf when helpless refuncy can-- not resist the affront. and I think Mah men therwing away this selfich

disposition should endeavor to inbent new names from for their taties - If I showed be called in to inventor a name for him I be lieve Mcall him Mussatas". and I have no doubt he would deserve it before he became very old. But I reckon I'm making my letter mast too ling to leave space for Immy; & clesse's. Tuesday I will have my fish Examination. Jack Saturday night I delivered myself of a huge declamating speach in the Wash. Dociety- preparition to the University of Coming years - Wite afterene to all- Mour bru-

My deur Jesse, J'aile endorse on the back of Disteis letter

an answer to your last communication. Thomas you say has been eating shell-fish for heakfast and dinner - a most inticing delicacy. I do ursh I had some. Now Carib you get brothers Larly & Ceddie to take up a small Collection, and get a tin bucket or a stone far, fickle some of those fine Shele fish and get mr. Adams' Express Co to bring them to me? I could steel some biscuits from the table and have a fine refrash.

And you think achty" is a fine dog do you! I wonder if he chries find a flock of birds now, or will be be able to start a have by next actober so as to give a fellow a chance at him!

next him & let Dis close her pach script when she wants to -Una att bo. Gee My dear Tommy, Vour letter had no blots in it at all a very good hand by sty, I am sorry you have been so seck, lik you much by Can go sailing next Rum-- Mer Jep, I Suppose, is al most as large as you are by that goes to consin Self and get right week by the time I come down and we'll have some fine lines -Your bon lenge

... Such Till Feb 1 1864. It My beloved friend cover and mother . will into ob & brists hose, and it. When I begin to white to ray we to head to legin, what to ealth agrow my dealing yorkows been intending soll the winter to wrote you a few lives but con not find their I and sick all the summer and pale but how goter winter quall since the birth of the budy he was born on the by Nowwooder I had a very good time he is the lungert hate great had to wayhed 11 the when he was born I date him Charles bott after Freddy little boy I that their week so long every body thought I would die Har harme hard time that they at la tongs here will, Har what sund with me I had a black meg is women that wood mos know anything mutilog but with Ho got tulong hungs well she decer and good to me un the counted be Is did with for cover I wild not help enging from Heard course how I did mis agreed, 9 min striping to form to offer white the best in sheet, got a dite from sies sometime ago I some overny grant to here that grant were all day so wall is his for theren we will we way scontinue to bless up authorie Those mother hours of od splan theme give in but love I how the Sock phone of stool to the to me against that I fen it will be along time between myet sugains succeon six how not getons toogs we have had a dreadfull month snowing and previous all the time it is quite worm today, what mud Ligge morn William He what dose Mrs Hick think of it do get in to tell me all about it when chief you see Pot, how att get yet is he giling along poor sheld do you think he will iver get any thing to do 9 do wish he could get in buismen I feel so sorny for him he wints me how kind agravate con to him many thanks to you , Saning has kind friends

hear the is living with fully Brent she assist her in keeping house dose anything shoream sho eine do anything she puss her board she is a good shill I do not know what she would do but for reweller Hudnal she gives her all of her hooks and girenthings that she Minh she wants, I do mis this so, mutich the helps misso mutch when who is how I would give anything in otherworld to educate her so that she contil get a dille school worken she is grown the will not be detendant. I hope the Lord will provide for the do get sis to write to mi when she gets begans and told me all the men I do law to han from yourst, if I seem not the you, Humit sands has love to all Molly ses and all I send helasen hough and as mounty this landlike Poty for his visother text him to be as good bong W. Cowing tom sands his house to your sugar he would be glad to see you do to and come tonge de this spring I seemen I showlil norm something I wear to see you coming. I seein get a letteren from any one bent Bats ittania und sis , will weekes her cowin & Blockwell Lead last week with early on her brest she down melig shallfore and well I few you will get trysand of my senibble ... I must hid again good by mis com is men is Amon Hay . ils so hard or is it agrown dear Sully marring and present all it. in the sound today, what made tripy men it then the , we are to ... in the together in to live ... about it when died you see to. , now don't the get is he och in aliens from elected of the colones of early thing to do I do wish to conter of time to in I just so done fine live to war in no near time in all en to him many thanks to your same has think free.

University of Virginia 7ch 3 rd. 1867.

my dear Sis, I am very sorry the mails are so irregular as to leave me with out a letter to answer to-night, so that I have not a particle of greeth to talk about. Well then I shall have to him on the events- the real events that are transpiring here - Last Quesday I stood my first examination on the whole of mercantile law and I flatter myself that I have really passed. Last year the Examination in this books comprised may a emple chapter- this year we take the whole book containing 17 chapters -A practical illustration of an extended Course. My next Examination will come

Mr. Momen has been lick for two weeks.

and it was thought at one time that he would not recover - the doctors think now that he wish he will hardly be able to lecture again

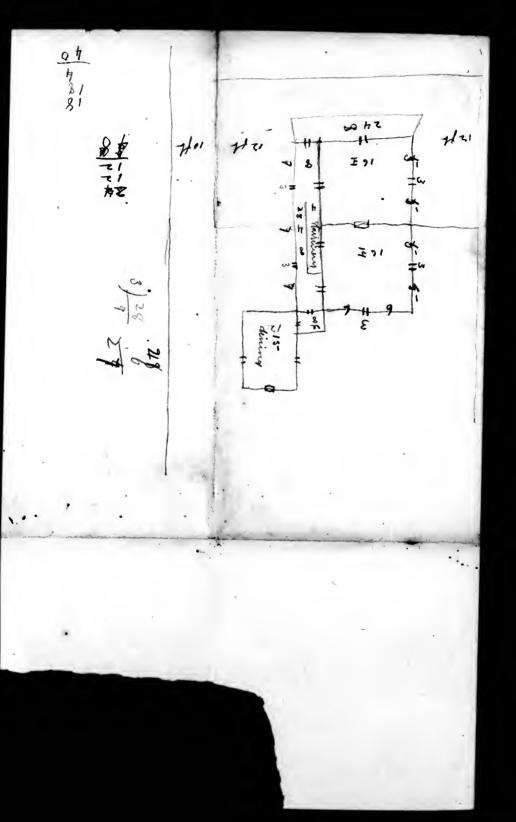
this seecine. Mr. Southalo is attempting to file his place by reading his bectures to the class; but this will by no means make up for the loss we enstain in the eickness of our man professor. He has each a happy way of illustrating the abstruct questions of the law that they are readily understood and easily remembered.

And then he questions so well and so my very closely that we are almost competend to the subject.

I am olivery very hard and still entistain hopes of getting my B. L., if in the cummer time I-can only keep up to the tack. But you much not expect it. I we my love to auch mollie and ark her please to write me another posterish. My love to all -

Your aff. brother.

From a Sittle Rock fragier I notice the assivate of 7.C. Peek, Eig in that City - He is connected with on his iness for the Co. - I. -



University of Virginia Debruary 24 th. 1867 My dear Sis, (Socto your letters (one of the 16th other other of the 21st. met.) leached me yesterday, and I will assure you they were very acceptable. I can always find limo to read letters from home however pressing my delies may be. I cannot conceine of any examuation however se-- vere that comed define me of that purilege whenever it is vouched sape to me - On the Contrary, the sands of the desert are for the moment forgotten by the caearan while taking their meal of dates in the cove shade of the oasis. The mariner dinks little of the dangers of that ocean whose trackless that extent he must traverse while regaling

himself in the vino clad vales of a Sea-girt Madeira, so the student rising on the cresting bellows of Scientific research, although m. -menently in danger of being enquefed in the fathernless maigis of confusion of danglet, regoices in neulal satisfaction over the huisal of a letter from home! Or to carry out the former simile. he cases not how wild the wind rages or the sand fles on the hond Saharah of "The Infinite vericy of Auman Concerns", in the quel If that moment when he enjoys a repart on the "concerno" of home is So much for the short lived pleasure of a letter which is, as it were, a pause in the proceedings - Something worthy of note- and if it occurred my once a year would pur. lake of the character of an

angeli visit.

You reasons for not sending the oyster are conclusive -You must not be low mquisiline about brother coming's affaire. If he wishes to accomplish. any thing he much keep his oficialions to hurself or else he will lave his fooling. For my hack, I am entirely eggio --runt on the subject, and it is a much better plan to know nothing for then the lemplation to tele comething would nahoccur I trick though it and be a most excellent plan for him to commence business in Richmand. I have been advising to that end all the time, and I know of no one he comed good with nine Suitable than Minteauy and grand celebration came

off as althouled on the 22 a inst. and such a concernse of fair ladies I have not seen before for many a day. Ch. the huffed white muslin todies and gargeon stuls, du wee-bit of hats all hil with wide Abons, the immense protubrances all held whe with red bounds to the back of the head, the led cappings + laces that desplaged themselve, an diat oc-Carin cannot be told -Many a fair young girl no doubt hope to entral come fine young student who to go to his for of home with him - "The Knows" perhaps the said while primping and mying to look as excesistable as Kelen herself," that I night Catch some hand som young student to night"; and her light heart growpld at de very etinght. But alas! how idle was the dream. Ah! Ah? \_ for my self I minidiately daugh

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Jane 6 169. My Dear Friend your how favor has been received & new I are duly apprintated as bringing longershed for tivings of the relatives of our esteined & Samenter friend de Rich Love for his family particularly his mother, was to my me of his most pleasing haits & so often. expreped in my presence as I take it for granted that any thing relation to him mee be acceptable, his stay with in was short, this there, but long snough for us to percison that he was moral, respectful to all I attention to his duties as apist ant surger. Our family Physicia

was chief of this Post & he always with a family torking up to her spoke of your Brother in luino of for conjust 9 gaidance. a broke intan the sole commence tion., While - not ingaged at the Hospitar se spent many suffort of his wife V- Children, all. is hisen hours at home 19 - Cast but not inast my oun Misor being scarce at the hime, Jean little girl, the frightest, me it chil but on regular fire. I sweetest of laste live only which was me my loome, making fifteen months to gladden one That he family willing ton frants; & then left no to for It he never seemed better satisfied That bught would above. Than's schen seated in the corner mysterious are the ways of persedence with a book or paper. sain It is becomes no to how hursby. That it reminded him of his beneath the Nov, knowing that the Mothers Phamber. Day will come when all will Journ sams to have been partice be explained to our satisfaction lacky The dot of the southern I to the glong of God. I must thank people during the to it is you for your bind invitation to mist hears for what family has not been your, but as it rarely suits me to leave butto of stor love ones, home it is hardy protable that we soile A has been my fate to suffer. we miest mules you can make it with the west I had no right convenient to disit our be autifue. to expect enemption. mountaining ion, the sight of which I think note whay you for the this My oldest States, as lovely character

in that went allow me to promise you a indice relsome Town: lottage. with pen regards & - best wrades for yourself I family I remain yours friendship Hamiet M House worth

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Counder august 17. 1867 my darling Lister. Your letter containing the sad of painful intelligence of the death of our dear below father reached me a yesterday. I have been or ending to hear of this went for some time put Knowing her feeble health of advanced age; but oh I had proged of hoped as cornelly that we snight be presented to see wale other once again on 2 outh that was one of the prat wishes of any head - one of the gird objects of life I as earnestly longed to attain. Butit has been decired one - and one of the sweetest auticipations of the future that contributed as amuch to not the presonsof its glown has fades away like most of my other dreams of earthy hoppiness. my head is duply grived by this bereasement, and especially is it moved by the recollection

that he thought and spoke so tenderly of one in his last moments. There was a bourd of perculiar here & Sympathy between us while had never been expresed in words, but we knew and appreciate each others fulings. We were much alike, not only pursonally but in heart, compathing & affections and even in a great away little sharacteristic prouliarities. He Knew well swough that I had his our susative sympathatic heart - his own unselfish out lowfring here, his own tender regard + concern for thou he leved; and busides all that I was his from wandering boy whow misfuture has orine from the haternal roof to live with strangers in a strange land, all there thoughts and associations made him think and speak of one in his hast mornets with peculiar truduners - not that he lever one better than his other cheloren, for a hourts heart search ever shows any degrees in love, but that my absence that God has Calles him home to

and not and chegrand life called forth fulings that were not applicable to the condition of his other children . Oh what a sorrow to one to think that Iwas not permilled to attend him in his hast moments. and to hear from his own life the blings which he bestowed on all his chieren. But I thank how that there is much to compost and console one in the affliction. The foroner of god in colling death of is much of the hour of auguish that usually attend it. the fact that he dow of as violena; but quelly, heauty Sand to sleep in the bosom of his family Surounder by those whom he loved; and above all the glowous trumpter of his factle of the certain promise of his auting upon the enjoyment of Evelasting bear - all there con didentions five me unperhable comfort, and make one rejoice through the lears of Lorows of my human frist,

exchange the hain tanquish the caus and sorrows of they unsatisfying world for the storous inhacitance of the Land remaineta for the children of hord". My dear lister, my heart has been I often buised and crushed in the part few years by the temble blows inflicted by the seem king of horord, that I am growing prematurely werny of the life . Oh I so get wish, when I call to mus the resolutions of those When death has tather away, that all of us could go at once to goin thou who have gone before and are waiting to welcome us to the hoppy lund! Death has no towns for me except this better, this crushing hair of Schar ation. When I thenk of the almost autant & perpetual troubly and servous of the life and con trout it with that life of sur alloyed by thappiness that had hus in reserve for those who leve him, I

wonder how we can think of death in any other light than as a blessed Augel Sent to deliver from the moch pariful bondage and with us to the life and fry of immortality-There is only one hong that he wiflials to those who know the blusedness ofhis mission of that is the pain of Separation. This is indeparable from the informi. they grown human nature. He cannot help puring for those who are taken from us although we may know that they are Called to experience fory & hoppiness more florious & delignified than heart of main Can conciene - And they pain of Separation Oh how terrible and crushing it how it bover the heart to earth and links us almost to the very depotes of despair. But thank how not auterely in despair does he allow our thicken hearts to be sunt - thenge the grown of Fornow he causes a way of herismant

hope to skine into our hearts, and to price us in Ruch mornants, an autrouced view of the glories of that bright world to which our departed mes have gone as to course us to lift who our hearts in thoutefulness I potetude of remain us to the affecting hand that truste ses. The what a pay it is to me to contemplate father who has preceded us but a few the ineffable happiness that our dear father now enjoys in the Shirt land the blut with many constitute in life, his pilgrimage on earth like that of all others was full of pain and trouble his heart little the heart of every forming con of adown. was always bundened with the lord of Sin and Corrow - Lad heritage of Mans fallen nature. Nut now how changed. Ho can no sorrow there, for Sin never entry then with its bligating withing influence - all is bease, and joy

and cent - blest heretage of the precion death of our adored Savier -The my dister, let us all endroom. afrech to make our preparation for that went which much Looner or lote out the us all . Lit us all kuhave to die, dit us all them will renews deligence to follow the footsleps of our durling Short years at best. Oh with what deligner he will welcome such one of us as we Ewerolly respond to the Cummons which will down be addressed to each one of us and not he alone, but all the others of our dear departes ones soile unite to wel. Come us to the courts of glory - Ewith bleved little band - my two darling babies whom he was never permeted to see in the flish now nextle in his loving bosom and enjoy the with infinitely increased tensioners the love which they were not hermeted to know one earth. oh I know

they are hoppy - as hoppy - and Elele that happeners must increase as the family circle bessers on with and incuaces in Heaven. And of it could be so - if we Could be as blind as to Ru that circle busked together do cloudy by the dand, of affection in oters world, rectored in Heave -not one linke broken - not one member mised - the whole a recombence it would be for are the pain and augure that we have ever known on Enth - all y any bound Lukly Symbothy with me in any bereaucrit, and series one to Sund give all the warment love I condollerer him my love to all - worte t me offin - your appelionale brother Money

### To the **Legislature** of Virginia.

NORFOLK, VA., February 3rd, 1870.

To CHARLES SHARP, Esq:

My Dear Sir:—Mr. Geo. M. Peek, of Hampton, my friend and kinsman, has been spoken of for the position of County Judge for Elizabeth City and Warwick, and I beg of you, if you think him suitable, to address a letter, in his behalf, to Mr. Southall.

He is endorsed by Gen. Blow, Thomas Tabb, Esq., and others.

Very truly, JAMES BARRON HOPE.

S. V. Southall, Esq:

My Dear Sir:—I know Mr. Peek well. He is thoroughly a gentleman, a good lawyer, and a patriotic Virginian. The Legislature cannot better serve the people of Elizabeth City, or the bar generally, in my judgment, than to select him for the County Judge of that county.

The appointment would be an admirable one. We practice at that bar, and all of our firm unite in un-

qualified preference for Mr. Peek as the Judge.

CHARLES SHARP, For Scarburgh, Duffield & Sharp.

I fully endorse the within as an old personal acquaintance of Mr. Peek.

WM. OLD, Attorney at Law.

I cordially concur in the foregoing recommendation.

JOHN GOODE, JR. TAZEWELL TAYLOR. JNO. S. TUCKER.

University of Virginia, December 17, 1869.

Geo. M. Peek, Esq., of Hampton, graduated in the School of Law of this institution in 1867, acquitting himself, as well during the session as at the examination, with signal success.

His abilities and character, as well as his professional learning, justified on the part of his friends hopes of eminent success, and afford me ample warrant for recommending him, as I very cordially do, for the judgeship of his county, for which, as I understand, he proposes to be a candidate.

JOHN B. MINOR, Prof. Com. and Stat. Law.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, December 27th, 1869.

GEO. M. PEEK, Esq.:

Having been informed that your friends will urge upon our Legislature your eminent claims to the office of Judge in your county, I take great pleasure in expressing my hopes of your success.

I remember with much satisfaction the high position you maintained in the law class of the University for the session of 1866-7, for ability, diligence and acquirement, and am fully satisfied that if elected, you will discharge the duties of the office, not only to the satisfaction, but with the general applause of your fellow-citizens. With great respect I remain,

Most truly yours, &c.,

S. O. SOUTHALL, Prof. Equity and the Law Merchant.

February 2nd/12 Dear Consin your kind note came to hand in due time, but many chings have kept one from replying somer among which was enving into my over house, I have finished little Samie ewing, and she is now ready to leave us, The will rend her Monday, if the weather is good if not, the next fair day, the have to be quite careful of her health as she takes cold very easily He will onif her and it fraise no to frank from her, but sive. we convinced it will be for her good, as she will be with one

she will get home-eick who is far more capable of trains ing her than I and again who so, meternes, at final; but char will wear off after awhite has not means energh of herom. and I ach it of you shat it to lake care of her, and of conse muy and be regarded a die as any husband and anyact frace salio faction, the others we could not do half I have lost one darling child. so well for her , as we are quite and it earls a shadow over feror, and for she sake of the my heard that will not be child I thank you , and in chacin away with ever. ony own name I thank you Give my love to dear male I will not waste words in Willie, and tell him his affection cornereding her lo the affection male letter reached me yesterday, of you all; neither will I urge and I will refly when I her lender years, in order localist your aympachies, for I well have Give our love to every one. she care and love shat will Knoth will go over with Jannes be acctowed on her by her kind! and return the creyt day. consino, of of for one omment don'ted I would keep her with Thave let one hear from Man, ice when it is convenient one even if it were to share riged proverty; for the shild Ent if she should be rick let and know immedially to very dear to one, I know

and if she is very sick I will come over and men e ob. Now I will close. Your affectionale Bettie,

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